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North and Poindexter in slush fund for Contra rebels scandal

Reagan aides go in arms deal row

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In an astonishing disclosure that added to the furor in America over the Iran affair, President Reagan announced yesterday that Admiral John Poindexter, his National Security Adviser, had resigned, and Colonel Oliver North, the shadowy military adviser in the NSC had been sacked, following a secret operation in which money from arms sales to Iran was diverted for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.



Admiral Poindexter: Asked to be posted back to Navy.

something was going on. A full inquiry is now under way to see whether criminal charges should be laid, and against whom.

President Reagan, tense and grim, said in a hurriedly convened press conference, he had not been fully informed of this transaction, which "raises serious questions of propriety".

Over the weekend a Justice Department investigation had shown that one aspect of the President's Iran policy was "seriously flawed". He said: "I'm deeply troubled that the implementation of a policy aimed at resolving a truly tragic situation in the Middle East has resulted in such controversy." He added: "While I cannot reverse what has happened, I'm initiating steps to assure that the implementation of all future foreign policy and national security policy initiatives will proceed only in accordance with my authorization."

Government aid to the Contras was banned by Congress. All the arms were sent after January 1986, but the \$100 million in military and humanitarian aid voted by Congress this year has only just begun to be transferred to the Contras. The evidence of a Contra link came to light when Justice Department investigators found an apparent discrepancy between what the



Colonel North: Shadowy military adviser sacked from the National Security Council.

Shadowy world of disgraced colonel

By Philip Jacobson

If half the rumours about Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver L. North that have been doing the rounds in Washington are true, President Reagan was employing a combustible combination of "gun-ho" adventurer and deep-thinking professional soldier. But as befits the man said to have been running the Administration's most sensitive clandestine operations for the past five years, North was a distinctly shadowy and elusive figure.

Journalists investigating his reported involvement at the centre of the White House's controversial weapons-for-American hostages negotiations with Iran soon found the National Security Council, where North worked as Deputy Director of Political-Military Affairs had even forbidden the release of his previous record with the Marine Corps.

Former comrades from the 43-year-old North's days in counter-insurgency warfare in Vietnam were hardly more communicative about allegations that he had been responsible for recruiting and supervising a private network of Vietnam veterans to parachute military supplies to the Nicaraguan Contras after the 1984 vote in Congress to cut off all US military aid. He refused to criticize Mr Shultz's public distancing of himself from the Administration over the affair and he denied that he had recommended with other California

arms should have cost and what was actually received from the Iranians. Precise details are still being sought, and Mr Meese was unable to say whether any US citizens had broken the law in the transactions. The Administration has told Congress that the value of the US arms supplies to Iran was about \$12 million. All of this was recited by the Department of Defence. It appears that the Israelis — who, Mr Meese insisted, were acting on their own and not as government officials — were paid far more for the arms by the Iranians than anyone knew. They then, with the presumed encouragement of Colonel North and Contra supporters, paid the balance into the Swiss accounts for the Contras to draw on.

Fowler backs free needles

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is close to a decision to issue free needles to drug addicts as part of the campaign against Aids.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, supports the idea and a decision will be taken shortly by Lord Whitelaw's Cabinet committee, which is co-ordinating government action against the disease.

Mr Fowler and Mr Tony Newton, the Minister of Health, are expected to prevail, despite the opposition of several ministers, who believe free needles might encourage drug abuse.

Mr Fowler believes free needles would discourage addicts from re-using infected ones — a prime factor in the spread of Aids.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Fowler said latest estimates suggested there would be 3,000 new cases of Aids in 1988.

He promised government help for telephone lines for bodies like the Terence Higgins Trust, which provide counselling on Aids. This is because of the steep increase in calls following the Government's publicity campaign.

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Attempt to limit trial waiting times

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government is to bring in statutory limits next spring on the time defendants can be held in custody before trial.

They will mean that defendants will be released on bail when prosecutors fail to bring their cases to trial within a specified number of days, although they will still face proceedings.

The time limits, which are aimed at cutting the long waiting times for defendants, will initially apply to three police force areas — Avon and Somerset, the West Midlands and Kent. They will be extended to the rest of the country in 1988.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, told MPs yesterday that the time limits were intended to "introduce a discipline into the system and curb the worst delays."

The Government estimates that 10 to 15 per cent of cases will fail to meet the time limits.

Courts will have power to grant the prosecution an extension of time if satisfied there is good reason. Unlike in Scotland, which already has statutory time limits, cases will not be struck off the lists.

The new limits will be 56 days from first appearance before magistrates to summary trial, or 70 days to committal. In the Crown Court the limit will be 112 days from committal to taking of plea.

At present waiting times for the crown court average 18 weeks in London and nine weeks elsewhere.

Falklands vote carried

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Britain suffered a crushing diplomatic defeat yesterday over its Falklands policy as the United Nations General Assembly voted 116 to four, with 34 abstentions, to support Argentina's demand that negotiations over sovereignty be a key element in any Anglo-Argentine reconciliation.

The defeat was further compounded as an intensive British lobbying effort to prevent further European failure to bear fruit as the Netherlands sided with Argentina to sweeten its diplomatic victory. The Dutch decision to change to an affirmative vote from an abstention had the effect of bringing closer the British Government's isolation over the Falklands. Only three countries, Belize, Oman and Sri Lanka, supported Britain unequivocally while 34 countries, including six from the EEC, abstained. The United States supported the draft.

and are unwilling to sell animals for slaughter. This part of western Sudan has additional problems caused by the civil war in Chad, with 125,000 Chadian refugees living in overcrowded reception centres. The guerrilla war still causes widespread malnutrition in southern areas where farmers have been displaced or where normal communications are cut. But the arrival of the dry season has given government forces an advantage over the Sudan People's Liberation Army rebels and surface communication has been re-established with many areas which were cut off when the rains hampered road transport and provided the rebels with ambush cover. The Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation, Mr Sayed Kamal Shawki, says there could still be a million people in need of food in the country's south. His organization is building up food stocks now, but does not want people to become dependent on food handouts. "It is better to encourage them to feed themselves," he says. One of the greatest challenges is to expand local food production and to increase storage in good crop years. The EEC is supporting large-scale development projects in the Nuba Mountains and the Jebel Mara highlands. Farmers who follow the advice are getting bigger crops and there is a steady increase in the numbers enrolling in the two schemes.

Heavenly rain lets Sudan live again

From Charles Harrison Khartoum

Rains from the heavens and charity from the world have led to bumper harvests in many parts of Sudan allowing the country to export 200,000 tons of sorghum to Saudi Arabia.

It is a marked contrast to the situation early this year, when international aid agencies were appealing for help to fight a famine which threatened two million people.

Millions of pounds of aid from various channels, including famine relief events organized by the Irish rock star Bob Geldof, have helped to revive the stricken economy. In Nyala, 600 miles to the west, the Save the Children

MPs agog at MI5 man's claims on role of Rothschild

Whitehall's latest security row brought growing signs of severe Government embarrassment in the Commons yesterday. MPs were agog at the latest claims from former MI5 employee, Mr Peter Wright, about the role played by Lord Rothschild, a former head of the Downing Street Think Tank, in persuading Mr Wright to pass information to author Mr Chapman-Pincher in 1980.

They wanted to know whether he was acting with the connivance of No 10, the agreement of the security services or merely off his own bat in persuading Mr Wright to make his revelations that way rather than by passing them direct to the Prime Minister as he had first wanted to do.

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher sought to turn the attack on Labour, with the implied complaint that Mr Neil Kinnock and his colleagues had abandoned the traditional bi-partisan policy on security issues. This brought angry protests from Mr Neil Kinnock who insisted that the only question he had raised related to the decision of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General,

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a gag on effective questioning about the Wright affair, but was able to raise it selectively herself. Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour M.P. for Worthington last night tabled a Commons question to the Attorney-General asking, "if he will prosecute Lord Victor Rothschild under Section 7 of the Official Secrets Act 1920 for soliciting Mr Peter Wright by means of offering money to pass documents known or believed to contain official secrets relating to the security services to Mr Chapman-Pincher and if he will make a statement".

Britain is back in the black

By David Smith

Britain's balance of payments edged into surplus last month thanks to an increase in the estimated overseas earnings of the City and other service industries.

But the underlying trade position was weak. Last month's trade deficit of £835 million was just better than the September deficit of £885 million. In the past three months, the value of exports has been flat, while imports have risen by 5 per cent. Last month, imports climbed above £7 billion and exports were £6.2 billion. Government officials said there were indications that export growth was increasing and that growth in imports was slowing down.

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CID chief talks to Brady

By Ian Smith Northern Correspondent

Jan Brady, the Moors murderer, spent two hours closeted yesterday in a hospital ward with the senior detective leading a new search for graves on desolate Saddleworth Moor in Greater Manchester.

The unexpected confrontation took place in Newman Ward of Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside, shortly after Det Chief Supt Topping, joint head of Greater Manchester CID, arrived for a meeting with hospital officials and Brady's solicitor to arrange a visit with the convicted murderer.

After less than an hour's discussion he was ushered into the room where Brady was waiting and for the next two hours the two sat huddled in conversation, watched by Brady's solicitor Mr Benedict Bimberg.

As he left Det Chief Supt Topping refused to disclose what new information had been supplied and would not speculate on the likelihood of his seeing Brady again.

Special arrangements for the visit were made in the hope that Brady would break his 22-year silence and disclose what other bodies he buried on the moorland and where they might be unearthed.

According to Mr Bimberg, who arrived at the hospital with letters exchanged between Brady and Hindley during their first six years in detention, his client was determined he would not be used as a scapegoat by his former accomplices.

After the meeting, Mr Bimberg said that he did not expect Brady to visit the moor within the foreseeable future.

Chelsea barracks bomber gets life

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Patrick McLaughlin, sentenced to life for an INLA plot to bomb Chelsea barracks, went to prison last night leaving behind a terrorist trail linking the Irish terrorist group to Actinn Direcra in France.

McLaughlin, aged 26, unemployed from Londonderry, was told by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones at the Central Criminal Court, "There is only one sentence appropriate, prison for life."

Part of the 40lbs of explosives planted by McLaughlin and his unit last November is thought to be from a cache stolen by Actinn Direcra. The explosives left outside the barracks included French material called Gelsulvite and used by Actinn Direcra. A consignment of the explosive was stolen in France in 1984.

The left wing French terrorist group was held responsible last week for the killing of the head of Renault, in France. It is known to have shared explosives with the Communist Fighting Cells in Belgium and the Red Army Faction in West Germany.

Members of the INLA unit travelled in London last year in a Ford camper van which was taken from Northern Ireland to France and Belgium. The man who bought the camper in Ulster was held in June this year at Le Havre with four others when French police halted what they alleged was a major INLA gun smuggling operation.

The camper was the transporter for an explosives consignment intended to mark the return of the INLA to the British mainland. The INLA has been dormant on the mainland since its first and only attack in 1979 which killed Mr Airey Neave, the Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland.

The target for the attack by a unit of up to half a dozen was to be Chelsea Barracks and the total explosives, twice the amount used at Harrods, would have created carnage.

The plan may have been to explode one small device, leading police and soldiers towards larger devices, packed with nuts and bolts, to create lethal shrapnel. The unit may also have planned a series of

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Murders suspect arrested

By Our Crime Reporter

Detectives investigating the murder of a schoolgirl, and two young women, in attacks over the past year in London, Hertfordshire and Surrey, were last night questioning a man arrested on Sunday.

The suspect is being questioned about the death of Alison Day, aged 19, whose body was found in a canal last January; Maartje Tamboezer, aged 15, who was attacked near Guildford in April, and Anne Lock, a recently married television worker who vanished last May.

Her body was found six weeks later. All three victims were assaulted and strangled.

The man behind the killings has also been linked to a long list of rapes and attacks, in London, under investigation by Operation Hart, a special Scotland Yard unit

Sangster appoints Hills

Barry Hills will today succeed Michael Dickinson as trainer at Robert Sangster's racing establishment at Mantons in Wiltshire. The deal was sealed at a restaurant in London's West End yesterday.

Hills, a lifelong friend of Sangster, will also continue to run his South Bank stable in

Lambourn for the next year. The trainer, 50 in April, has gained classic victories with Enstone Spark (1,000 Guineas) and Tap On Wood (2,000 Guineas) and won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 1973 with Rheingold.

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Tomorrow The ear of the President



In the troubled White House, Nancy Reagan is no ordinary First Lady. A profile of the most influential adviser of them all.

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mrs J.W. Smith of Ferndown, Dorset. Details, page 3.

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Dollar falls

The dollar fell below two marks, hit by a sharp drop in US factory orders and loss of market confidence in the Reagan Administration after the Poindexter resignation. Page 21

Barclays slide

Shares in Barclays Bank slid 10p to 477p after rising sharply on Monday when the company announced it was selling its stake in Barclays National Bank of South Africa. Page 21

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Higgins' fate

Alex Higgins, the former snooker world champion, today faces the possibility of a long suspension after allegedly butting a tournament director in the face. Page 42

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Bill aims to curb pro-gay councils

A Bill to stop left-wing councils actively promoting homosexuality in schools was unexpectedly introduced in the House of Lords last night.

Shipyard cuts jobs

Harland & Wolff, the state-owned Belfast shipbuilders, will start paying off 800 workers in February - 600 permanent employees and 200 short-term contract workers - because of the shortage of merchant ship orders.

High-rise Australia flats call

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has been asked to reopen the Roman Point inquiry, held into the partial collapse of the 12-storey tower block in Newham, east London, in 1968.

Language lesson

Kelly Greene, aged 11, has been asked to leave a school at Leytonstone, in east London, because she refused to do an Urdu language "taster" course.



Convoy ambushed

More than 150 anti-nuclear protesters ambushed a Cruise missile convoy three times before dawn yesterday as it returned from a Salisbury Plain exercise to the United States Air Force base at Greenham Common, Berkshire.

Print discipline demand renewed

Print union leaders will today renew their demands for the electricians' union to be disciplined for allowing its members to work at the News International plant at Wapping when they meet the general council of the Trades Union Congress in London.

Cautions rise for drunkenness offences

A revolution in the treatment by police of drunkenness is disclosed by official figures yesterday (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

Rothschild accused of corrupting MI5 author

Allegations that Lord Rothschild and the author, Mr Chapman Pincher, colluded to persuade the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, to help with the book on the security service, 'Their Trade is Treachery', were strongly denied yesterday.

Man in the news knew Wright well

Lord Rothschild, whose role in the Wright affair is now the focus of attention in the New South Wales supreme court was once, quite inconspicuously, rumoured to be the "fifth man" in the famous Cambridge spy ring.

MP defies whip over Coal Bill

A veteran Labour MP defied his party leadership last night and voted in favour of government moves to recognize the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers (Our Political Correspondent writes).

Tory dissent Left seeks backbench coup

The education committee chairmanship is one of only a few targets selected this year by the Tory left in the annual backbench elections. The polls are considered important because office-holders have ready access to ministers, but there is an obvious desire, not to rock the boat too much in a possible election year.

Thatcher's sports defence

The Government's record on sports funding was described as outstanding yesterday by the Prime Minister, in spite of disagreement about her use of statistics.

The Magistrates' Association says in its response to a government consultation paper that the proposals would "take the lay element away from much criminal jurisdiction and could lead to the eventual demise of the jury."

The offender is asked to sign a form confirming his consent to the caution and it is countersigned by a police officer. Publicans have joined forces with Sussex police in their campaign against drink-driving over the Christmas period.

Magistrates are strongly opposing proposals from government officials to appoint more stipendiary magistrates. They say that the move would lead to the "demise of the lay magistracy and the jury."



Mr Tony Mulhearn (left) with Mr Tony Byrne and Mr Derek Hatton, who resigned as deputy leader of Liverpool council's Labour group, yesterday.

Hatton warning to Kinnock

Derek Hatton, the Labour Militant, was yesterday meeting on the canvas under a succession of political body blows, yet still the former amateur boxer refuses to be counted out and retired to obscurity in the city he claims to champion.

Leaving centre stage with Hatton are avowed Militant supporter Tony Mulhearn, chairman of the council's campaign committee and Felicity Dowling, deputy chairman of the authority's education committee.

"We felt it would be wrong to sacrifice other members of the group by remaining, but for every one of us that goes at least 10 and sometimes 100 will appear to take our place," Mr Hatton predicted.

The general secretary of the Labour party, Mr Larry Whitty, said Hatton's actions showed he had, at long last, recognised the effect of his expulsion from the party.

Liverpool city council Liberal leader, Sir Trevor Jones, was not as optimistic.

He dismissed the resignation as "meaningless" and a mere front to mask Hatton's continuing orchestration of city council and constituency affairs.

"I do not think, by any stretch of the imagination, that we have seen the end of Militant."

"The only thing we witnessed is Derek Hatton looking after Derek Hatton, who sees one gravy train come into the station and leaps off to get onto another."

What the future holds for Mr Hatton is unknown: branded by Labour leaders as a mischievous trouble-maker, dismissed from his job as an £11,500-a-year community liaison officer, with neighbouring Knowsley borough council, and now shunned by moderate colleagues on his own authority.

Many believe his outlook is bleak. Certainly money will become a problem for the man who was, at one time, claiming over £11,000 a year, in attendance expenses, to fulfil his role as deputy leader.

Don't vote for Labour say private schools

By Mark David Education Reporter

Independent schools on Merseyside have embarked upon a political campaign to warn parents of the dangers of voting for the Labour Party in the next general election.

In conjunction with a parents' support scheme which has been set up by the Independent Schools Information Service, the region's 38 schools, which cater for an estimated 15,000 pupils, have established three action committees in central Liverpool, Wirral and Sefton whose job will be to organize rallies involving parents and members of the public.

Mr Frank Crowley, chairman of the Sefton area committee, said: "Each school will be calling meetings of its parents to explain the educational policies of the political parties. We are hoping to persuade them not to support candidates whose parties adhere to a policy which will be harmful to the future of the independent sector."

Mr Crowley predicted yesterday that the latest, to be held at St Edward's College in Liverpool later in the day, would attract more than 600 parents and said there were plans to hold a mass rally of some 2,000 parents in the city's Philharmonic Hall early next spring.

The Labour Party conference in September passed a resolution calling for the "planned public ownership of the private school system."

However, it seems unlikely that it will be included in the party's election manifesto because it failed to attract the support of two thirds of the delegates.

Moreover, Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, has said that talk about public ownership of private schools is "nonsense."

Nevertheless, he has emphasized that Labour's strategy is to phase out fee-paying through the ending of charitable status.

Flexibility hope from new exam

The Government yesterday launched a guide on the Advanced Supplementary level which will be sent to schools and colleges in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Advanced Supplementary levels are to be taught for the first time from September 1987. The new examination is intended to take only half the study time of A levels.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals together with the Standing Conference on University Entrance have published a leaflet, AS levels and University Entrance, in which all appear to accept, in principle, that two AS levels should be equal to a third A level for entrance purposes.

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Safeguards on forest planting promised

The Government would prevent any large-scale afforestation schemes which posed a significant threat to the countryside, Sir David Montgomery, chairman of the Forestry Commission, said yesterday (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

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# Owen calls for less TV violence in attempt to reduce horrific crimes

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Violence on television should be reduced as part of a new crusade to reduce horrifying crimes, Dr David Owen said yesterday.

The SDP leader coupled his plea to the BBC and IBA with a demand for Parliament to legislate against the sale and advertising of a wide range of weapons including battle knives, knuckle dusters, and crossbows - many of which are bought by teenagers after seeing them used on television.

He predicted the two-pronged move would help promote an anti-violent society. "We might not see any benefits for 15 years in the crime statistics, but surely the time has come when it is worth a try."

Dr Owen, who was speaking to the British Society of Magazine Editors in London, said violence against people

had increased by 7 per cent to 122,000 cases last year, while recorded offences of rape rose dramatically by 29 per cent in 1985.

"We cannot go on like this. We risk conditioning ourselves to accept violence as part of our day-to-day lives. Violence is a pollution. It is time we acted across a wide range of activity."

Dr Owen's plea came a week after he attended a community meeting near his home in east London, when a family launched a campaign to prevent young people from carrying offensive weapons.

It came after the death of Mr John Dennison, aged 17, who was stabbed to death while on the way home with friends.

Dr Owen highlighted the Christmas issue of *Gummat*, advertising various weapons such as close-quarter battle

knives, and said: "Why should we go on accepting these sort of advertisements?"

"Parliament banned the flick knife, but has not yet legislated to stop the sale and advertising of a whole range of weaponry that cannot be justified in any civilized society."

Turning to violence on television screens, he said the experts had concentrated too much on whether there was a causal link between particular incidents of violence and watching television.

Although the BBC was at last going to talk to the IBA about programme scheduling, it was still possible, by switching channels, to increase substantially the content of violence in any one day's viewing - and the problem was made worse by video nasties.

"Surely the time has been reached when our society should say that though there may not be proof in sociological terms and there may not be an absolute causal link, common sense tells us that to allow this pollution to go on is to take too great a risk," he said.

"Surely when the crime statistics, and any normal observation of human behaviour, points to an ever increasing level of violence, it is time to act."

Just because violent programmes were put on after the "watershed" time of 9pm, it did not mean children would not be exposed. Many of the most vulnerable children were likely to watch television late at night.

# BBC insists it can repel £57m claim

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

A £57 million legal claim against the BBC brought by British Aerospace and GEC is "likely to fail" and no financial provision is to be made to cover it, the corporation said yesterday.

The claim arises from the BBC's decision not to go forward with a direct broadcast satellite scheme.

British Aerospace and GEC are seeking compensation for work they performed on the project before it was cancelled. The companies have claimed that the BBC is legally required to pay them for work performed under the terms of a preliminary contract called a "heads of agreement".

The BBC's assessment of the case was contained in its annual report, published yesterday, covering the 1986 financial year, which ended on March 31.

"The BBC has been informed by its legal advisers that on the basis of the information which they have so far been given, following a detailed investigation of the allegations, the claims are likely to fail in these circumstances, no provision has been made in these accounts to cover all or any part of this claim," the BBC report said.

The report also reviewed the status of a £12.7 million claim against the BBC brought in a California court, resulting from a broadcast of the programme, *Rough Justice*.

Two BBC employees were reprimanded for their role in making the programme, which resulted in the release of a man convicted of robbery. However, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, criticized the methods used by the programme-makers and a BBC inquiry found that unjustifiable means had been used to secure an interview.

In the California case, the BBC is accused of fraud,

malice and coercion by a woman, now a resident of Los Angeles, who claims that the BBC threatened to expose her as a lesbian if she did not recant testimony she had given in the criminal case.

"The litigation is at a preliminary stage and as a result the corporation's legal advisers are at this stage unable to form a view as to either the merits of the action or the eventual outcome. However, any damages resulting from the action are likely to be covered by the general provision included in the financial statements," the BBC said.

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The report indicated that one employee, almost certainly Mr Alexander Milne, the director-general of the BBC, was paid a salary of between £70,000 and £75,000 in the 1986 financial year. Three BBC executives were paid between £55-60,000. The number of BBC employees making more than £30,000 increased to 124, from 70 in 1985.

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The report indicated that one employee, almost certainly Mr Alexander Milne, the director-general of the BBC, was paid a salary of between £70,000 and £75,000 in the 1986 financial year. Three BBC executives were paid between £55-60,000. The number of BBC employees making more than £30,000 increased to 124, from 70 in 1985.

# Revolution in car servicing

By David Sapped

The motorist's long-cherished but oft-frustrated dream of low-cost, fixed-price car servicing may soon be realized.

National Tyre Service and Automotive Products have launched a joint venture to establish more than 200 centres in Britain offering single-cost servicing for most family cars.

The move, against competition from other groups including Kwik-Fit and Halfords, is likely to mean the biggest shake-up of the garage industry has known.

A 6,000-mile service for cars up to 2,000cc will cost £31.50, inclusive of labour, parts and VAT, and a full 12,000-mile service £12 more.

Cars in that category include the Austin Maestro, the Vauxhall Cavalier, the Ford Sierra and some BMW models.

The chain, operating under the name of National Auto, will set up its first five centres early next year in Newcastle upon Tyne, Southport, Bradford, Rochford and Ashton-under-Lyne. Other centres will be established in the South and Midlands between now and the early 1990s.

Competition for the car servicing market has increased greatly in recent weeks.

The Kwik-Fit group is planning a network of 750 centres offering everything from standard exhaust and tyre services, to clutch and gearbox replacement.

Halfords wants to establish at least 100 parts, accessories and servicing outlets, and BAQ hypermarkets, as well as Licas, are planning similar ventures.

# Killing blamed on terrorist backlash

A man who wanted to end the Marxist regime in the Seychelles was murdered in "the evil backlash of terrorist activity", a coroner said yesterday.

Det Insp Christopher Burke told an inquest at Hornsey, north London, that the murder of Mr Gerald Hoarau, aged 35, was the work of a professional assassin.

He believed the man who shot down Mr Hoarau outside his home in Greencourt Avenue, Edgware, north London, on November 29 last year was now out of the country.

Mr Hoarau was leader of the Seychelles National Movement, which wanted to overthrow the Marxist-led regime of President Albert Rene.

Mr Burke said the Scotland Yard anti-terrorist branch had not been aware of any threats against Mr Hoarau's life.

Mr Willy Laporte, who was living at Greencourt Avenue at the time, said in evidence that he heard a sound like a machine-gun.

"It was a crack and I was scared. I didn't move," he said.

Later a neighbour told him that Mr Hoarau was lying outside on the pavement.

"He had received a letter telling him the president was out to kill him. He had also received threats against his life in telephone calls. He said it was nothing and didn't take it seriously," Mr Laporte said.

Professor David Bowen, a pathologist, said that death was from gunshot wounds which included three bullet wounds to the chest.

Dr David Paul, the coroner, recorded a verdict of unlawful killing. He said: "This was the evil backlash of terrorist activity which involved people living in this country but was not the concern of citizens of this country."

After the hearing Mr Owen Hoarau, aged 43, of Farm View, Castor, Peterborough, said in the event of a coup in the Seychelles his brother would have been president, with an "ultimate plan" to restore democracy.

The movement is now being led by a distant cousin, Mr Gabriel Hoarau, who lives in Belgium.

# Rotherham joins the resorts

Rotherham and Islington seem unlikely to figure high on the list of potential holiday destinations when Britain begins to plan for the lazy days of summer in the hazy days after Christmas (Harvey Elliott writes).

But with tourism now big business, and therefore a potential source of income, neither Islington nor Rotherham can afford to be left out.

So when the World Travel Market was opened at Olympia by the Duchess of Gloucester yesterday both these unlikely holiday spots



Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias signed autographs for admirers yesterday after the thanksgiving service for Sir Robert Helpmann at St Paul's in Covent Garden, London (Photograph: James Gray).

# Boy weeps in sniffing case

A boy of 13 cried in court yesterday as he recalled the moment his best friend collapsed and died after sniffing typewriter correction fluid.

Crispin Sandford broke down while giving evidence at Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court in London in a case against two shopkeepers accused of selling typewriter correction fluid to Lee Kendall, aged 14, who died in a park in Bermondsey, south-east London.

Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, and his cousin, Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, deny supplying Lee Kendall with the fluid, knowing he was under 18 and having reasonable cause to believe he was likely to inhale it.

Mr Lindsay Burn, for the prosecution, asked Crispin what had happened to his friend after their sniffing session.

Crispin said: "Lee had a heart attack. He fell to the ground." He then began sobbing and was led from the court which was adjourned for five minutes.

Earlier, he said he and Lee began sniffing the fluid during the summer holidays.

Crispin, now living at Bullock Rectory, Bullock, near Corby, Northamptonshire, said he had known Lee for nearly four years and had been at the same school. In August, when Lee died, the two had lived in the same street.

He said they had discovered they could buy the fluid cheaply at the Patels' shop in Duntun Road, Southwark, south London.

In the week leading up to Lee's death they had been into the shop to buy the fluid four or five times - and on one occasion Lee had traded a personal cassette player for three bottles of the fluid.

Mr Chandrakant Patel pleads not guilty to two charges of supplying Lee with the fluid, and Mr Sureshbhai Patel denies one charge.

Mr Sureshbhai Patel also denies a charge of breaking the terms of his permit to stay in Britain by taking employment.

The hearing continues today.

# Criticism on Aids campaign

The World Health Organization has been strongly criticized by Aids experts for its slow response to the global epidemic.

The organization has failed to provide an accurate picture of the international spread of the disease, according to a report published yesterday.

Its figures are "extremely flawed", partly because many countries do not report their growing numbers of cases, and it has no organized information on a range of prevention and control measures, the report said.

Three years after the organization's first meeting on Aids, its co-ordinating office consists of one doctor and a secretary, the report by the Panos Institute, an international information and policy studies group, said.

It added: "A strong feeling undoubtedly exists among Aids experts that the WHO should now be playing a far more effective role."

The organization has called for an Aids budget of \$200 million next year, rising to \$2 billion by 1991, but depends on voluntary contributions from individual countries.

"The criticisms of the organization were raised at a seminar in London yesterday to discuss the report, *Aids in the Third World*, published by the institute.

The WHO Aids programme has been set up in Geneva by Dr Jonathan Mann, an American expert on the disease. The report said that he had made "considerable progress" and that the WHO global strategy on Aids is "good."

*Aids in the Third World* (Panos Institute, 8 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7EB; £5.50).

# Dr Jaffe man 'did not need treatment'

By Mike Horsnell

A Harley Street psychiatrist said yesterday that a patient of Dr Joseph Jaffe was given a five-year course of hypnotherapy and drugs costing up to £60,000, although he did not need any treatment.

Dr David Thompson told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing, where Dr Jaffe is accused of serious professional misconduct, that all the patient needed when he saw him in hospital last year was a little support for tension.

The committee has been told that Dr Jaffe, a Manchester hypnotherapist, fed a drug concoction called "Jaffe Juice" to Mr George Waterson, aged 49, a wealthy businessman, for extortionate fees and wrecked his bicycle business in the process.

Dr Jaffe, aged 60, a former mayor of Salford, denies five charges of serious professional misconduct relating to his treatment of the patient between 1978 and 1983.

Dr Thompson cared for Mr Waterson, a married man with four children from Altrincham, Cheshire, for three weeks in a London hospital in 1985.

He told the hearing that he was concerned about the injections of the barbiturate methohexitome which Dr Jaffe had given Mr Waterson, and which the patient knew as "Jaffe Juice", together with injections of Valium.

And he added that he could not accept a report by Dr Jaffe about the patient's alleged "over emotional symptoms".

Dr Thompson said: "I don't think he had overtly hysterical features and I could find no evidence of a personality defect. He required no medication and was psychiatrically normal, but in need of support."

Dr Thompson said that the late Sir Desmond Pond, former president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, agreed that the patient needed no treatment.

Asked by Mr Anthony Aridge, QC, counsel for Dr Jaffe, if it were possible for a doctor to have brainwashed a man so that he was effectively his puppet, Dr Thompson said that a patient regularly given addictive injections would be "enormously influenced" by the doctor.

The case continues.

# Portfolio Gold - Woman to invest part of her win

A woman is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Jessie Smith from Wimbome, Dorset, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

"I am obviously delighted," she said.

When asked how she intended spending the prize money, Mrs Smith said: "I'll invest some and spend some".

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

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Blackburn,  
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# Two in court after PC's death fall

Two men appeared in court yesterday charged with stealing from a home in the block of flats in Stoke where PC John Taylor, aged 26, fell 50ft to his death on Sunday.

Deber Gooden, aged 26, of Brookfield Road, Hockley, and Junior Carnegie, aged 25, of Oval Road, Erdington, both Birmingham, appeared at Fenton Magistrates' Court, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, and were remanded in custody for seven days.

A third man, Terence Butcher, who is also accused of stealing, did not appear. He is in North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary with serious injuries after falling from the flats with PC Taylor.

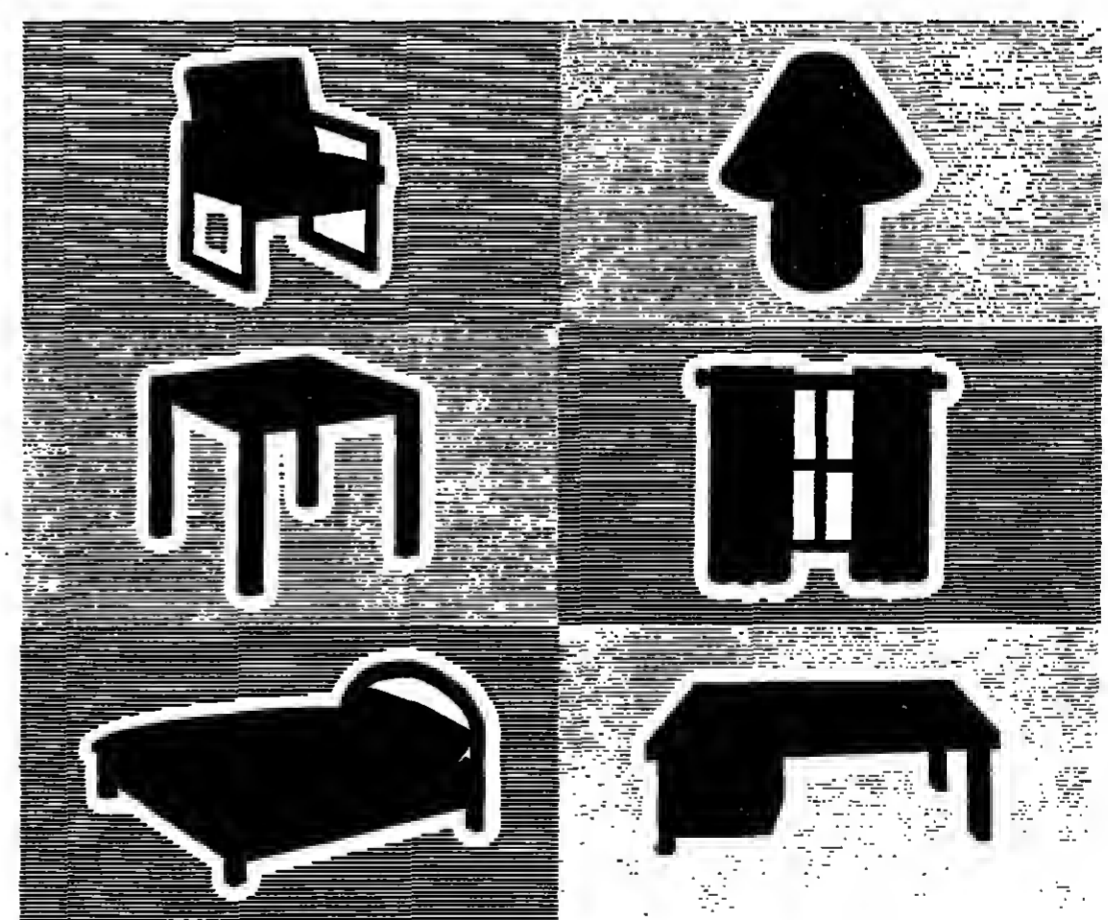
# Free advice to elderly on keeping warm

Help the Aged intensified its campaign yesterday to help the elderly keep warm during the winter months by issuing a free advice leaflet.

The leaflet, *Keep Warm This Winter*, gives details of how to save heat and advice on large heating bills.

The charity also launched a Freephone Heating Hotline, an information service on heating.

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Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C): If the security services are to retain the respect and confidence of this House and the public, then the Government should establish a committee of senior and eminent privy counsellors to provide parliamentary oversight...

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C), who began the exchanges, said that many people viewed with distaste the picture of someone who had taken a vow of secrecy now agreeing in return to see a large sum of money, to break that vow.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, How does she explain the difference between allowing Mr Chapman Fincher to publish his book based on information supplied by Mr Wright and with full proceeds going to him, and her attempt now to stop a book on the same subject being published under Mr Wright's own name?

Mr Kinnoch: The bi-partisan attitude is not best sustained by ensuring that the obligation of staff to the security services, without which there could be no effective services, I wish to uphold the efficiency and effectiveness of the services.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): Since she has said that the events being scrutinized by a court in America arise in circumstances which took place before she was Prime Minister, would she agree that she has no vested interest, whereas the Leader of the Opposition in his going-on is indulging in low, nasty, dirty party politics?

Mr Thatcher: I have made it clear that the Government is concerned with upholding the principle of confidentiality and the obligations of staff without which there can be no effective security services.

Kinnock anger on Iran arms deal

On the very day when Admiral John Poindexter (United States National Security Adviser) had been speaking out against the sale of arms to Iran, Mr Robert McFarlane (former United States National Security Adviser) had been delivering arms to Iran and doing so covertly.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said during Prime Minister's question time. Had she, he asked, raised the point with Mr Reagan during her visit to America and had she asked for an explanation or apology for that apparent lapse in the special relationship?

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Miss Betty Boothroyd (West Bromwich West, Lab) asked if in the light of Mr Reagan's admission that there had been limited arms sales to Iran the Prime Minister stood by her original statement that she believed implicitly in the integrity of the President in this matter.

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NHS is growing, Fowler insists

Last year, National Health Service Hospitals in England treated one million more in-patient cases, 400,000 more day cases and almost 3.5 million more out-patient cases than in 1978, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons question time.

The figures for 1985, he said, were 1.3 million in-patient, 960,000 day and 37.4 million out-patient cases.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C): These figures more than any others show the expansion of the National Health Service since the present Government came to office.

Mr Thatcher: They are among the figures that do that. They show the record amount of health care being provided and other figures that establish the same point are in the capital building programme which show a record number of hospitals being built by this Conservative Government.

Mr William Hamilton (Central, Lab): These figures are a further example of how the Government fiddles figures. Is it not the case that where a patient is prematurely discharged from hospital and subsequently has to go back, it counts as two?

Mr Fowler: These figures are the exact measurement used by Lord Ennals, the former Labour Secretary of State for Social Services. Why should it not be a fiddle when he used them, but a fiddle when we do?

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C): The winter of discontent added to the waiting lists in particular throughout the United Kingdom and was it not the Conservative Government which shortened these waiting lists and is it not a Conservative Government which has a drive on now to shorten the waiting lists more?

Which is the Government with compassion, which is the Government that cares? (Opposition laughter and protests.) Mr Fowler: I entirely agree with everything he said in particular his point that in 1982 the waiting lists went up because of industrial action and that that industrial action was never condemned by the official Opposition.

The Government was committed to the development of the health service in the North of England, Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, said during Commons questions in response to charges of neglect from Labour MPs.

The report, Inequalities in Health in the Northern Region, was commissioned by the Regional Health Authority which would not doubt take it into account in its planning, he said.

Mr Jack Dorman (Leeds, Lab), who had asked what action the Government proposed to take on the report, said that no fewer than two thirds of the 678 local wards in the Northern region had levels of permanent sickness above the average for England and Wales.

Mr Newton said there was considerable academic debate about the linkages between some of the statistics to which Mr Dorman had referred.

Within the total of NHS resources, Northern Region resources had risen from less than £3 million in 1978-79 to well over £6 million in 1985-86. Eleven big capital developments had been completed.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) said the report only added to the data showing the relationship between unemployment and health. Only government ministers were ignoring that data.

Why would the government not bring forward a report instead of leaving it to private capital? Mr Newton said there was no question of leaving it to private capital to build new hospitals.

President Reagan said in television statement that the US does not give ransom in money or arms for hostages. That is our policy. That is his policy.

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Mr Norman Fowler making the most of his new tune.

More telephone advice for Aids inquirers

Aids telephone help and advice lines were attempting to deal with a mass of inquiries, especially since the Government's publicity programme began, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons questions.

"If there are things we can do to keep the lines open by providing more lines, we shall do that," Mr Fowler said that the latest predictions by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre estimated that in the United Kingdom there would be 550 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome diagnosed this year, 1,300 next year and 3,000 in 1988.

Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SDP): Given the one certainty, that the problem will not go away and will get significantly worse, will he clarify his plans, in particular, about the future of the public health laboratories.

"Can we take it that there will be no reduction in their number or their funding?" Mr Fowler said that there were no plans to cut the service and

before the first appearance before a magistrate for summary hearing; 70 days before committal proceedings and, in the case of Bristol, Maidstone and Birmingham Crown courts, 112 days from committal to the taking of pleas.

Mr Mellor said: "In the light of experience there, we shall go on to apply custody limits throughout England and Wales." "We have no immediate plans to exercise the powers to apply limits to periods when the accused is not in custody. These will come later."

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C): This is a pretty useless debate because whatever we agree tonight will not have the slightest effect on EEC spending.

The crucial point is that what we are discussing is a wholly bogus budget. There is not the slightest chance of the budget being kept to the legal maximum declared in the budget.

Common Market spending was totally out of control and there was absolutely nothing the Government, on present policies, could do about it. The Common Market was now spending more than £100 million every week on storing, dumping or destroying foodstuffs. The average British family was having to spend £13 a week because of the cost of the CAP.

The only hope of containing EEC expenditure and improving the Common Market, and the only hope for British agriculture, was for the Government, instead of trying to fiddle the figures with its European friends and come up with devices to get through the legal limits, to renege on its obligations to the Common Market.

Repatriation of agriculture would improve the Common Market, not wreck it. The Opposition amendment was rejected by 174 votes to 82 - Government majority, 92, and the Government motion agreed to.

Mr Eric Deakin (Walthamstow, Lab) said that the present CAP system was absurd because

it was open-ended. It was even more absurd because it was the Council of Ministers that decided recently that any excess agricultural expenditure in one year should be clawed back in subsequent years.

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there was no question of allowing Aids work to be held up. Mrs Renee Short (Wolverhampton, North East, Lab) asked what resources would be provided in regions which had to deal with the majority of cases.

Mr Fowler: Clearly we shall take account of special needs. Some regional health authorities face particular problems and the need for services by Aids victims will be taken into account.

In a later reply he promised that the department would do all it could to achieve better co-ordination between voluntary organizations, which were doing important work.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that on Saturday night he had telephoned Bradford Aids line to get information.

He had been referred by a recorded message to the Terence Higgins Trust and had rung every 10 minutes from 6.30 to 9.30 until he got through. The publicity campaign would generate a mass of inquiries which present arrangements were inadequate to deal with.

Mr Fowler agreed that there had been a steep increase in the number of calls and gave his assurance of government help with new lines, if need be.

Mr Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C) said that there had been trials in the United States of ATZ which, it was suggested, while not curing Aids, could delay its progress.

The Wellcome Foundation was making great progress into the development of work, and despite contrary reports, there were adequate supplies for clinical trials in Britain. Any delay was to ensure that the trials were properly set up.

Mr Fowler agreed that clinical trials were being set up. ATZ was not a cure but it could prolong life and alleviate symptoms.

In earlier exchanges, Mrs Marion Roe (Bromborough, C) asked whether any progress had been made in developing a vaccine for drug addicts which could not be reused.

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Social Services, said that it was a matter of considerable concern that Aids was being passed on by intravenous drug use, which was under consideration elsewhere and an announcement might be made shortly.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, defended his policies yesterday against complaints that lack of government strategy led to orders for British transport systems going abroad.

He conceded that Britain may be "a little slower" in getting new projects underway but that was because of the democratic processes of inquiries which were sometimes frustrating.

This different attitude - and public opposition to major infrastructure projects - had been brought home to him when sitting across to the table from his European counterparts and discussing such issues as the Channel tunnel, he said.

Giving evidence to a House of Lords sub-committee investigating innovation in surface transport, Mr Moore assured peers that his department took a long-term view and was not confined by the three-year public spending circle.

Companies have complained to the sub-committee about the department's lack of strategy over the sort of research and development they should be carrying out.

Mr Moore accepted that there had been allegations about poor communications between the department, local government and industry, but consultations were going on.

In written evidence to the peers, the department set out the advances which will be made in the future of transport in Britain, mainly through the use of information technology. Alternatives to steel, for example, will mean lighter, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

It added that the recent collapse of oil prices has meant it is unlikely that any alternative to the internal combustion engine will be found before the end of the century.

Sunken vessel inquiry to be considered

The Government would consider opening a formal investigation into the loss of the Derbyshire, which sank without trace during a typhoon in 1980 with the loss of 44 lives, if any evidence was found of a link with the break-up of her sister ship the Kowloon Bridge, Mr Michael Spinks, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in a Commons statement.

MPs from all sides of the House pressed him to agree to such an inquiry.

He said that he would publish the reports of the two separate investigations involving the Hong Kong-registered vessel, Kowloon Bridge, one of which was expected very soon, and consider what action needed to be taken.

The first was a full investigation into the damage to the vessel, conducted by a Department of Transport inspector, who boarded the vessel on November 20 at some point in Bantry Bay, where she had put in for repairs. Early indications were that the damage was entirely consistent with the severe weather encountered during her voyage across the Atlantic.

The second was an investigation by inspectors from the Department of Transport on behalf of the Hong Kong administration into the vessel breaking free from her anchor, the loss of steering and the subsequent grounding.

His department had been advised of reports of structural damage to the Kowloon Bridge on November 18. In view of the possible connection with the loss of the Derbyshire, the department agreed with the Hong Kong authorities that the department's inspectors should investigate on their behalf.

Late on November 22 the vessel broke away from her anchor. The master decided to put out to sea. She then suffered a loss of steering and a mayday call was put out. The House would wish to acknowledge the skill and bravery of the crew who were taken off by RAF Sea King helicopters with no loss of life.

The vessel eventually drifted on to rocks near Baltimore after drifting for 24 hours in severe weather conditions. She had since broken her back between number two and number three holds.

Mr Roger Stott, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that the Kowloon Bridge - formerly the English Bridge - was one of six ships built by Swan Hunter in the early 1970s.

One of those, the merchant vessel Derbyshire, sank without trace in the South China Sea in 1980. Another, the Tye Bridge, suffered severe structural damage in the North Sea in 1982 and her crew had to be taken by helicopter to safety.

An inquiry by Lloyd's Register found that the ship had not been built according to the designer's plans and all other ships in that class were substantially modified.

Since 1980 the families of those who died on the Derbyshire, the Kowloon Bridge in Bantry Bay be instructed the captain that it would be unsafe to proceed? Would the report of the investigation into her structural damage be compared with the structural faults in the Tye Bridge? Would the remaining ships in the class be inspected?

In view of the concern felt by MPs on all sides of the House and by relatives of those who died on the Derbyshire, was it not now time to lay the matter to rest?

Mr Spinks said that in the case of the Derbyshire there was simply no evidence to go on because she had sunk without trace. But there had been a detailed investigation into the sinking of the Derbyshire. There had been no whitewash.

The issue now was whether there was anything more to find out. Formal investigations were elaborate and expensive procedures and there had to be good reason to have them.

Concern about the defence implications of the sharp drop in merchant tonnage among members of Nato has led to a decision to devote part of an early meeting of Nato ministers to discussing the issue.

The North Atlantic Council, the Nato ministerial body, meets on December 12, but the agenda was said by a Nato spokesman yesterday to be confidential.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in written Commons reply that she expected an early discussion of the matter in the North Atlantic Council.

Sir Edward de Cram (Taunton, C) had asked the Prime Minister four questions reflecting concern about the defence implications of the reduction in the British and Nato merchant tonnage.

As the Alliance had a long-standing agreement to pool merchant shipping in time of crisis, the availability of merchant shipping to meet civil supply needs had to be assessed in terms of the capability of Nato.

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# Student grants so poor that youngsters opt for training, MPs are told

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Student grants are so inadequate that 16-year-olds are opting for the ready cash of the Youth Training Scheme rather than higher education, MPs were told yesterday.

The present grants system was so inadequate, uncertain and complex that higher education was becoming the preserve of the middle and upper classes. Some students on courses were so poor that they were in danger of vitamin deficiency, while university and polytechnic hardship funds were "close to exhaustion".

Association of University Teachers, said yesterday that there was now an "unprecedented" level of student hardship. "The situation is quite critical," he said.

A colleague, Dr Bill Stephenson, a member of the AUT executive, cited evidence of 16-year-olds preferring the immediate cash grants available on the YTS rather than the "long slog" of two more years at school followed by the financial hardship of being a student.

being too poor to eat properly. "Vitamin deficiency in students is not now beyond the bounds of possibility," he said.

"Students have begun to turn to the banks for support. An informal loan system appears to operate already as it is commonplace for students to have overdrafts, often running at an average of £300 to £500. There are cases of overdrafts as high as £2,000 to £3,000 by the completion of the course."

## Pay rethink at Civil Service

By Tim Jones

High-flying Civil Servants who earn between £14,318 and £62,000 a year are to be given performance related increments to prevent them being tempted to jobs in the private sector.

that some particularly talented people have left for higher salaries elsewhere. It is understood that the Prime Minister has agreed that the top grade two and three Civil Servants should have their pay linked to performance, after a recommendation last year by the Top Salaries Review Board.

An indication of government thinking was given recently by Miss Anne Mueller, second permanent secretary to the Management and Personnel Office of the Civil Service.



Mr Michael Broadbent, head of Christie's wine department, with the 1784 Chateau d'Yquem (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

## Rarest wine for auction

The world's rarest wine is to be auctioned in London next week and is expected to fetch at least £50,000.

The 1784 Chateau d'Yquem was one of three bottles discovered in Paris last year and is the oldest known wine from this famous vineyard in the Sauternes region.

The bottle, which bears the initials TH J, was bought by Thomas Jefferson in 1787, when he was US ambassador to Paris. Wines were not labelled and he insisted his initials were cut into the bottles to identify them.

## Sale room Greek goddess's £923,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Brancusi, Picasso and company made the clear, clean lines of primitive sculpture fashionable. With a 50-year delay the market has enthusiastically endorsed their taste by running an 8in oolitic sculpture from the Greek islands to an unheard of \$1,320,000 (£923,000).

estimate was probably out by a factor of eight or nine. The statuette came from the collection of James Johnson Sweeney whose superb modern pictures broke records at Sotheby's in New York last week. Two private collectors, one American and one European, fought for possession, steadily capping each other's bids. America won.



The little sculpture that reached a record price

## Tax plea to save art for nation

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

A broad strategy is urgently required for safeguarding works of art for the nation, Professor Brian Morris, chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission, has said.

In his annual report published yesterday, Professor Morris welcomed government decisions to scrap the ceiling for acceptance of works of art in lieu of tax, and to allow companies to offset large charitable donations against tax.

Two further incentives were required to enable public collections to compete with overseas buyers: Single donations to a museum, gallery or art charity should qualify for tax relief, in the same way as donations by companies.

Professor Morris also called for increased funding for the Area Museum Councils, to provide local institutions with the advice and specialist services they needed to develop as centres for education and recreation, as well as tourist attractions.

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# Bradford FC says it did not receive adequate warning of fire hazards Club's plea for fair sharing of blame

By Ian Smith

Bradford City Football Club yesterday pleaded for an impartial and dispassionate apportionment of the blame it must shoulder for the worst disaster in British football history. Being given its first public opportunity to outline its version of the events at Valley Parade in Bradford on May 11, 1985, was more important to the club than the multi-million pounds pay out in damages it may face, the High Court sitting in Leeds was told. An impassioned plea that the club whose directors and members still lived receive the same judicial fairness as the 56 spectators who burnt to death was made by Mr Edwin Glasgow, junior counsel representing the club. His defence of the club's part in events leading up to the disaster came on the eleventh day of the hearing to determine liability for the deaths in a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher whose husband, John, aged 34, son, Andrew, aged 11, brother-in-law Peter and his father, Edmund, aged 64, died in the fire. Bringing a similar claim for liability against the football club, the Health and Safety

Executive and the now defunct West Yorkshire County Council is Police Sergeant David Britton who was injured in the fire while trying to rescue victims. His case is being supported by the Police Federation. Summing up for the club Mr Glasgow admitted it could not be seriously disputed that all three defendants were at fault. The only issue was what legal liability should be attached to each defendant and what proportion of the blame they should carry. Mr Glasgow said that had proper warning been given to the football club about the potential hazard present in its grandstand it would have acted; instead it had been actively lulled into a false sense of security and therefore both public bodies made a substantial contribution to what occurred. The Government's Health and Safety Executive, Mr Glasgow said, had behaved in an extraordinarily uncharacteristic way and allowed a misleading impression to be given about the liaison which existed between them and the county council who were also the local fire authority. In evidence Mr John Laird,

area principal inspector for the the Health and Safety Executive, had admitted that the hazard at the stadium had first been recognized in 1980 but in the succeeding four years nothing had been done about it, Mr Glasgow said. He added: "Mr Laird said he did not trust the club because they had not done what they had said they would do but he does nothing because he trusts to fate and ignoring elaborate liaison with the fire brigade just presumes they will act". That Mr Laird had judged that because of the thickness of timber in the stand there was no serious risk showed a serious misjudgement or demonstrated him unfit for his job, Mr Glasgow said. Also letters sent to the club in 1984 did nothing to ring alarm bells among club directors. West Yorkshire County Council was also criticized by Mr Glasgow who described its reaction to the situation at Valley Parade as similar to the stable door being repeatedly slammed shut after the horse had already bolted. "We are not trying to say that anyone owed the club a duty, we are merely saying the duty owed by the club to its



Chief Insp Charles Mawson with his wife, Jane, at Buckingham Palace.

## Palace honour for heroes

Ten men whose courage saved scores of lives at the Bradford City fire disaster collected gallantry awards from the Queen yesterday at Buckingham Palace. Recipients at the ceremony which received the Queen's Gallantry Medal - were: Police Sergeant David Britton; Mr Richard Gough, an installation engineer from Shipley; Mr David Hustler, aged 47, an assistant supermarket manager, also from Shipley; Police Constable Richard Ingham, Chief Inspector Charles Mawson and Chief Inspector Terence Stoccombe. The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct was presented to: PC Peter Barrett; Mr Michael Bland, aged 27, an asbestos remover from Bradford; Mr Timothy Leigh, and PC David Midgeley. Mr Glasgow spoke scathingly of the "magic wand of policy wielded with great dexterity by the county council's fairy godmother", a reference to Mr Keith Goddard, QC, representing the county council, and said that "those whose eyes were currently hinkered will now have them forced open by the amount of damages which they would be ordered to pay." The case continues today.

## £62,000 damages against police after man's death

The widow of a man whose body was found frozen in the snow a week after the police took him from his home after a domestic dispute was awarded £62,537 in damages yesterday. Lord McCuskey was told at the Court of Session in Edinburgh that the police failed to take reasonable care of Mr Anthony Wilson, aged 26, a scaffolder, and exposed him to unnecessary risk. Mrs Jennifer Wilson, aged 30, of Jubilee Avenue, Deans, Livingston, had sued the chief constable of Lothian and Borders police and two of his constables for £135,000 for herself and her three children. She claimed the police should have known that in her husband's intoxicated state, and with the cold weather, he would have difficulty in finding his way home. Mr Wilson was taken from their home, formerly in Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, at 5am, on January 5, 1982, but was released from the police car on a lonely country road on the outskirts of the city. He died from hypothermia and was later found in a snow-covered field. Lord McCuskey said he concluded that death was caused by a breach of common law duty. There was no evidence to suggest that Mr Wilson had been deliberately released in a remote area to "teach him a lesson". But the two constables failed to exercise reasonable care. The police denied at the hearing that they were negligent during the incident. It was plain from the evidence, Lord McCuskey said, that PC James Halliday, aged 38, had taken charge of the incident and the judge absolved the second officer, PC Ian Deas, aged 32, of blame. Both men are still serving constables in the force. A spokesman for Lothian and Borders police said yesterday: "The chief constable has received a copy of Lord McCuskey's opinion. "Our legal representatives are considering it, with a view to determining whether there should be an appeal. "The two officers were subjected to formal disciplinary proceedings in 1982." The family of Mr Michael Burdon, a Scottish property executive, who died after a road accident in Northumberland in August 1984, were awarded £255,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday. His widow, Mrs Gail Burdon, aged 30, of Rockwell Grove, Mansie Road, Linlithgow, Lothian, will receive £180,000. The other £75,000 will be added to an existing trust fund for the couple's daughter, Caroline, aged four. Mr Burdon died in a head-on crash on the Alnwick bypass.

## 'Blackmail of Harrods owner'

By a Staff Reporter  
Mr Ali Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, has been named as the victim of an alleged £500,000 blackmail attempt. Yesterday Mr Abbas Al-Bassan, aged 28, an Iraqi electronics student at Longborough College, was charged at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court with making an unwarranted demand in a letter to Mr Al-Fayed. He was released on bail, with a condition that he deposited £5,000 at the court. Mr Al-Bassan was also ordered to surrender his passport and any other travel documents to police and told to live at his home in Epping Walk, Hulse, Manchester. Harrods was taken over by the Al-Fayed Investment Trust in November 1984 from House of Fraser in a £138 million deal. The company is controlled by Mr Ali Al-Fayed and his brother, Muhammad, who come from one of the wealthiest families in Egypt.

## Doctors accused of fraud

A husband-and-wife team of doctors was accused yesterday of receiving cash for fictitious treatment. Dr Susan Openshaw, a Somerset county councillor, faces three charges of dishonesty claiming a total of £18 for carrying out smear tests for cervical cancer on three women. Her husband, Dr William Openshaw, medical officer at Millfield School in Street, Somerset, was charged with obtaining £60 in the name of a patient through a falsified maternity services claim. The couple, from Bove Town, Glastonbury, Somerset, also faced three joint charges of obtaining a total of £165 for maternity services in the names of three patients. It was alleged that the two GPs, who work at Glastonbury Health Clinic, have defrauded Somerset Family Practitioners Committee of a total of £250. Magistrates at Glastonbury adjourned the case, which was heard in the couple's absence, until December 23.

## Doctors discover why people snore

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor  
Doctors at a sleep research laboratory have found that people who snore can be divided into different categories. They have found that differences between people's lung capacity and the shape of their pharynx explain why some snore - it is similar to the way the power and resonance of a musical organ depends on the size of its bellows and the design of its pipes. The researchers measured the effect of variations in the shape and size of the cavity at the back of the nose and the mouth, which forms the pharynx and found the pharynx was smaller in snorers than in non-snorers. The investigation by doctors from three hospitals and the University of Toronto in Canada showed how snoring became a medical condition in some individuals, because it interfered with breathing and disrupted sleep. The 25 volunteers examined by a team working with Dr Douglas Bradley, of Toronto General Hospital, were all healthy men of average weight. There were 10 whose sleep was disturbed because of obstructions to breathing when they snored. Another six snored, but suffered no restriction in breathing. A third control group of nine non-snorers was used in the comparisons. The doctors' findings are described in the latest issue of *New England Journal of Medicine*. The presence or absence of snoring was established first by monitoring each person in overnight stays at the sleep laboratory. The pattern of their breathing and lung volume during sleep was measured at the same time. Later measurements were made when the individuals were awake. Those who snored were distinguished from those who did not by a narrowing of the pharynx while breathing. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, Volume 315, P 1327-1331, 1986.

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British TV dominates US Emmy awards

Britain took three of the five 1986 International TV Emmy Awards announced in New York yesterday (Christopher Thomas writes). Japan and Canada took the other two. The award is presented by the US Academy of TV Arts and Sciences. Shadowlands, the BBC production about writer CS Lewis, took the drama award. The programme, set in 1950, centres on a fan letter the author received from an American woman who transformed his life.

Diplomat defects

Bonn - A first secretary at the Chinese Embassy in Bonn and his wife have asked for political asylum in West Germany, it was disclosed yesterday (John England writes). Early reports said the couple had approached the International Society for Human Rights, in Bonn, and said they were dissatisfied with the communist system in China.

Captain guilty

Tel Aviv (Reuter) - An Israeli sea captain accused of forcing a Kenyan stow-away onto a makeshift raft off the East African coast in 1982 was acquitted yesterday of endangering human life but convicted on lesser charges. A Haifa District Court found Captain Avner Gilad, aged 59, guilty of aggravated assault and transporting a man in a dangerous vehicle.

Police free family

Lisbon - Two escaped prisoners held a Portuguese family hostage near Loule, in the Algarve, for more than a month-and-a-half before being captured by the police on Monday (Martha de la Cal writes). The Cavaco cousins, José and Vítor, were in a band of six prisoners who broke out of Portugal's high security Pinheiro da Cruz prison on July 28, killing three guards and wounding two others.

Galvin for Nato

Washington - US Army General Bernard Rogers is expected to retire as Nato Supreme Commander next year and to be replaced by General John Galvin, left, C-in-C, US Southern Command in Panama, (Mohsin Ali writes). A Pentagon spokesman, however, declined to confirm a report that General Galvin would take over next summer.

Job for tragedy ship

Oslo - The cruise liner that survived the disastrous collision with the Andrea Doria in 1951 may end its days as a hostel for refugees (Tony Samstag writes). Norwegian officials confirmed yesterday that negotiations were in progress for purchase of the American-owned Stockholm, renamed Volker after the tragedy, which claimed more than 50 lives. The ship, currently at Southampton, would accommodate 600 people, relieving pressure on another vessel used for the purpose in the harbour at Drammen, southwest of Oslo.

White House crisis: Poindexter resigns Israel acted two years ago

By Michael Evans Whitehall Correspondent As Washington was rocked by the resignation of Admiral John Poindexter over the Iran arms deal fiasco, new details emerged of the Israeli connection in the affair.

According to authoritative sources yesterday, the US Administration asked the Israeli Government about two years ago if it would support a pro-Iranian policy in the Gulf War between Iran and Iraq.

Israel had already decided that it made both strategic and economic sense to try to keep links with Iran and backed the pro-Iranian school in Washington.

According to the sources, the Israeli Government had three key reasons for its decision to sell arms to Iran and to barter with Ayatollah Khomeini's regime.

The first was fear for the lives of 50,000 Jews in Iran. Although a number had managed to leave the country, the rest were considered by the Israeli Government as potential hostages and it was decided to do everything possible to get them out of Iran.

This included the sale of weapons to Iran, not directly, but through intermediaries. The sources said yesterday that all the arms deals carried out by licensed Israeli arms dealers were first approved by the Defence Ministry in Israel and then by Washington.

The sources said: "The proper officials within the US Administration were informed of all the arms deals with Iran. No such deals could have taken place without the approval of the US. The trouble is that one hand knows what is going on and the other hand doesn't."

Israeli officials bartering with Iran to an attempt to safeguard the lives of the 50,000 Jews and in the hope that one day they might win approval for their emigration to Israel. The second reason was economics. The sources said that the total cost of the Iran-Iraq war was about \$100 billion (£71.4 billion) and the market for arms deals was enormous.

The sources said it was "the hottest weapons market in the world" and Israel could not ignore the opportunity. The sources said that dealers were off-loading hundreds of tons of spare parts, from Phantom tyres to screws for fuselages.

The third reason was the Israeli connection. The Israeli Government realized that President Reagan could not make up his mind in 1983-84 whether to go for the pro-Iranian school in Washington, represented by the National Security Council, or the anti-Iranian school, represented by the State Department.



President Reagan, facing the biggest storm of his presidency over clandestine arms shipments to Iran, which have forced Admiral John Poindexter's resignation.

Two Reagan aides go in Iran arms deal money scandal

Continued from page 1 Friends of the President that Mr Shultz be sacked. But he resigned yesterday. I think every member of the Administration owes it to the president to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with him. The US sent over 2,000 TOW anti-tank missiles to Iran, as well as 500 Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and it is not known what they paid, or who legally owned the money that was transferred to the Costras.

President Reagan, who is leaving today for his California ranch for the Thanksgiving holiday, has ordered an interim Justice Department report by Monday.

No one in the Administration other than Colol North knew of the siphoning off of funds for the Costras. Colol North, who was questioned extensively by the Justice Department over the weekend, is now expected to retire from the Marine Corps following his dismissal from the NSC.

Colonel's shadowy world

Continued from page 1 Reagan Administration's decision to force down an Egyptian aircraft carrying the Arab terrorists who hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise ship last year. In Washington circles, all that was really known about Colol North amounted to cocktail circuit gossip, press speculation and some sketchy biographical background.

Born in Texas, Oliver North - "Ollie" to friends - had graduated from the US Naval Academy in the late 1960s, opting for the Marines and the certainty of front-line duty in Vietnam. He emerged from the war with the scars of two wounds, America's third highest combat decoration and a tight circle of fellow officers who shared his passionate belief that Communism must be confronted wherever it showed its head.

Mr Wright said President Reagan told him he knew nothing about the operation until Monday afternoon. The President's professed ignorance of the whole affair and lack of full control over the actions of his NSC staff are now likely to be a principal issue.

Earlier disarray in the Administration deepened with an extraordinary attack by the State Department on the National Security Council. Mr John Whitehead, the deputy secretary of State, was accused of "an act of open rebellion" against the White House after flatly contradicting the President.

He denied the President's claim last week that there was no evidence of Iranian Government complicity in terrorism. "I don't like to differ with my President, but I believe there is still some continuing evidence of Iranian involvement with terrorism," he said.

A year later, he was whisked away from routine desk duties by fellow Marine and Vietnam veteran Robert McFarlane, then serving as the Reagan Administration's National Security Adviser. That particular wheel turned full circle with the revelation that McFarlane and North were working together again in attempts to use Iranian influence to secure the release of

Americans held hostage in Lebanon. Those who have worked with the slender, bespectacled Colol North insist that despite his considerable expertise on the ground, he is the antithesis of the "knuckle-dragging" school of covert operators. A quiet but articulate speaker, given to working back-breaking hours in his modest quarters next door to the White House, he is described as a devout, unassuming patriot (even if he does claim to be a descendant of Lord North, British Prime Minister of the day when America won its independence).

On the other hand, it seems clear that he believed, heart and soul, in Ronald Reagan's crusade against Communism abroad.

Exercise Saif Sareea (Swift Sword) has been designed to test lessons learned during the Falklands campaign. Following the conflict in the South Atlantic, the chiefs of staff within the Ministry of Defence decided that future operations outside the Nato area should be conducted by a joint force headquarters.

The tasks envisaged for forces assigned in the future might range from the evacuation of British nationals to providing assistance in response to a request from a friendly country. The exercise scenario is based around a request from the Sultan of Oman's forces for help in repelling an incursion by invading forces from the imagined island of Fantasia.

Exercise in Oman

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Jerusalem's role Man in the News

Background of an 'invisible man'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Admiral John Poindexter, for long the "invisible man" in the National Security Council, has been at the centre of the crisis over the Iran arms shipment. As the public furor grew, his exposed position became increasingly intolerable. He left yesterday, requesting a transfer back to the Navy, with no successor, with complete disarray in the NSC and with new and devastating accusations of illegality hanging over him.

The embarrassing end of his public career came amid the worst crisis the Reagan Administration has faced. And Admiral Poindexter, like the loyal naval officer he is, accepted responsibility to protect the President from the devastating charges that are now being made.

Mr Reagan himself admitted that he had not been "directly involved". The President did, however, admit two weeks ago that he may have "miscalculated" over whom he could trust in Iran. The admission came after increasingly bitter criticism from Congress and the press at the way the NSC was run during his 11 months in office. There were charges that the body had abused its power, bypassed the regular accountable government agencies and engaged in a number of high-risk, hush-hush operations, ranging from secret involvement with American mercenaries fighting against Nicaragua to the "disinformation" campaign against Libya.

In all this, Admiral Poindexter, a man who preferred to work in the background and who rarely gave press interviews, counselled a policy of not disclosing the details of the Iran operation. But it was too late. Even his predecessor, Mr Robert McFarlane, called on him to speak out. And the latest disclosure of the illegal siphoning off of money for the Nicaraguan rebels, organized with the full knowledge of his chief adviser, Colol North, made his departure inevitable.

Admiral Poindexter, aged 50, was the 14th National Security Adviser since the post was established in 1953. He graduated from the US Naval Academy after coming top in his class and in 1964 he earned a PhD in nuclear physics from the California Institute of Technology.

In his naval career, to which he now returns, he commanded a guided missile cruiser and a destroyer squadron and in 1971 became an aide to the Secretary of the Navy. In 1978, he served as deputy chief of naval education and chief of naval operations, before moving to the NSC three years later.

He was a surprise choice when he took over from Mr McFarlane, because of his low-key approach and his lack of political weight, considered essential to resolve the chronic conflicts between the Pentagon and the State Department. But many inside the NSC were pleased with his military pragmatism, his non-ideological approach, his energy and his intellect.

However, he failed to establish a political base in his 11 months in office. Congressmen said that unlike McFarlane, he rarely consulted them or explained White House thinking. The press found him elusive. And he did not play a big role in the vital question of arms control policy, or success in stopping the funding between factions in the Administration.

Three ships hit in Iraqi raid on Larak Island

Bahrain (Reuter) - Iraqi jets yesterday attacked six targets in western Iran and flew a 1,560-mile round trip to attack the Larak Island oil terminal at the mouth of the Gulf for the first time. Gulf shipping sources said two Cypriot-registered supertankers were on fire at Larak and an Iranian tanker had also been hit. Iranian helicopters lifted casualties from the vessels, one source said.

A Baghdad High Command communique, calling the raid "a miracle and unique" said targets destroyed included "terminal buildings, storage tanks, oil tankers, equipment and men". Another communique said 54 jets simultaneously attacked an army base, an air base, training camps and a Hawk anti-aircraft missile battery in and around Dezful in western Iran where officials said 30 civilians were killed.

Iran said one of the Dezful targets was shot down. All the planes which took part in the Larak raid were reported to have returned safely to base. The high command did not say how many were on that mission. Analysts said the distance flown suggested the Iraqi jets may have been refuelled in the air. Larak is crucial to Iran's export strategy, which relies on tankers to shuttle oil down the Gulf to terminals at or near its mouth. Terminals near the mouth of the Gulf were thought to be out of Iraqi range until August 12, when a devastating raid on Shir Island, some 110 nautical miles farther inside the Gulf, forced a shift of operations to Larak. Since then, Iranian oil exports have been significantly reduced.

Battle rages in town captured by PLO

Sidon (AP) - Street fighting raged in a strategic hilltop town in south Lebanon on Tuesday as Shia Muslim militiamen tried to dislodge PLO guerrillas from highlands captured a day earlier. At least one Palestinian was killed and 24 others were wounded, police said. The mainstream Shia Amal militia of Mr Nabih Berri, the Justice Minister, broke into the eastern part of Magdoushe and recaptured at least one-third of the town from Mr Yassir Arafat's PLO guerrillas, they said.



A young Palestinian guerrilla helping to load machine-gun ammunition into belts near Magdoushe yesterday as Amal militia fought to recapture the strategic Lebanese town.

Amal claimed it had recaptured the town, about three miles south-east of the port city of Sidon. Reporters and photographers were unable to get into Magdoushe, but said they could see smoke billowing from several parts of the town. Police said thousands of Shia militiamen mounted the counter-offensive from the coastal town of Ghazieh and the inland village of Anqoun. They said Israeli helicopters flew several reconnaissance missions overnight, apparently to monitor the fighting. In Damascus, representatives of the warring groups met again yesterday. Mr George Havi, the Lebanese Communist Party leader, who attended the meeting, said they were "about to reach a settlement" that could end the hostilities. At least 40 people were killed and 85 wounded in the PLO's thrust from Sidon's refugee camps of Ein el-Hilweh and Miyeh-Miyeh on Monday. It was the largest offensive in south Lebanon by Mr Arafat's PLO fighters since the Israeli invasion of 1982.

Muslims call for UN protection

From Ian Murray Jerusalem The worried leader of Jerusalem's Islamic community called yesterday for an international peace-keeping force to be sent into the Old City to restore order. Sheikh Sad Eddin al-Alami used his authority as chairman of the Waqf, the Higher Islamic Council, which controls the Muslim holy places, to call in the small corps of consuls serving in East Jerusalem, including those of Britain, the United States, France, Belgium and Spain, to ask them to pass on his message to their governments. He read his statement to the

consuls before a news conference he called in a little building in the courtyard of the Dome of the Rock. Fear had been created in the hearts of the citizens, he told the consuls. His people feared for their lives and their property because they were threatened by extremist Zionists, especially the Kach Party. Supporters of Kach stormed through the Old City on Sunday evening shouting "Death to Arabs" in what was supposed to be a memorial service for a young Jewish Bible student stabbed to death in the Muslim quarter a week earlier. Scores of Jews have since been arrested for attacks on Arabs or their property. "We beg the whole world" to bring security back to the Arab citizens of Jerusalem, he said. Not only were the living in danger, but graves in an old Muslim cemetery were now "subject to the whims and caprices of different machines which seek to install sewerage pipes". He also drew attention to the treatment of Arab prisoners in Israeli prisons. "For all these reasons, we are in need of the effects of a UN force to protect us," he said. But his advisers had altered the wording of his original statement, which directly asked for a UN force.

Courtroom trial for Bokassa

Bangui, Central African Republic (Reuter) - The former Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa will go on trial today in a court, not in a sports stadium, the Information Minister, Mr Joaquin da Silva-Nzengue, said yesterday. He said the Central African Republic had never officially announced that the trial would be held in a converted basketball stadium and accused international reporters of manipulating information about the trial. Mr Bokassa, aged 65, will be tried on charges including killing children, concealing corpses, assassination and embezzlement before he was toppled with the help of French troops in 1979. Scores of television journalists and photographers who have descended on Bangui would not be allowed to film the trial. "I do not think that in France, in England, in the United States, in Germany or in Spain... that there would be an army of cameras to film a case, especially if the room is small," the Information Minister said. He said more than 100 international journalists had so far flown in to the trial, which would be covered live by the republic's radio and television in a room which could hold 300 people. He said reporters would be allowed to take notes during the trial. Mr Silva-Nzengue said the Government had not decided where to hold the trial until yesterday.

Tornadoes display Britain's rapid deployment power

From Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent Masirah, Oman Six RAF Tornado aircraft, landing through a shimmering heat haze around the island air base of Masirah in the Arabian Sea, yesterday marked a spectacularly successful phase of the important United Kingdom-Omani military exercise, Saif Sareea. They had taken off from bases in England more than 10 hours earlier and flew 4,200 miles non-stop, with each aircraft being refuelled up to seven times by Tristar tankers. It was the longest non-stop flight ever made by the Tornados, and its success was a key element in achieving the main aim of the exercise, to demonstrate Britain's capability for a rapid strategic deployment out of a Nato area. For the pilots and navigators it was a demanding, arduous flight, strapped into their seats in G-suits. To help pass the hours through the night they played music tapes over cockpit sound systems. Wing Commander Rick Peacock-Edwards, command officer of 229 Operational Conversion Unit based at Coningsby, was tired and nursing aching muscles when he climbed out of his cockpit, but said: "It was a long night but everything went exceptionally well. The aircraft are ready to go back into action almost straight away."

Snags for Austrian coalition

From Richard Bassett Vienna Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, formally presented the resignation of his Government yesterday after the weekend's general election. As Dr Vranitzky only achieved a relative majority, he must attempt to form a new coalition Government. He has made it clear that he would favour a "grand coalition" between his Socialist Party and the conservative People's Party. But at a press conference given by Herr Alois Mock, the leader of the People's Party, yesterday the chances of such a coalition seemed to have diminished. Herr Mock has survived for the moment despite calls for his resignation after his party's disastrous showing at the polls. As he continues to refuse serving as Vice-Chancellor under Dr Vranitzky, speculation increases that he may be prepared for a coalition with the Freedom Party. "If there is no other solution, it must come to that though it is not my favourite model," Herr Mock said yesterday. Should such a coalition emerge over the next few weeks, it is unlikely that Austria would move politically significantly to the right. FPAA RESULTS (to brackets 1983 figures)

Table with 4 columns: Party, 1983, 1986, % of votes, % of seats. Rows include Socialist, People's, Freedom, and Green parties.



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# British Gas plc

## Share Offer

### by N M Rothschild & Sons Limited on behalf of The Secretary of State for Energy

Under offers in the United Kingdom,  
the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe  
4,025,500,000 Ordinary Shares are to be sold  
at 135p per share payable in instalments of 50p now,  
45p on 9th June, 1987 and 40p on 19th April, 1988.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the whole of the ordinary share capital, issued and to be issued, of the Company, to be admitted to the Official List. The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Listing Particulars dated 21st November, 1986 relating to British Gas plc, copies of which are available at British Gas showrooms, clearing bank branches and post offices. You are advised to read the Listing Particulars before returning your application form.

#### APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

**(a) Applications**  
Applications must be received by 10 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd December, 1986 (or before close of business on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1986, if the form is taken by hand) at any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank Limited. Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

**(b) Allocations of shares**  
The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced by Monday, 8th December, 1986.  
If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance) for the shares allocated to you.  
If there is heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all.  
If your application is not accepted or is only accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) all money paid on application or a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

**(c) Dealings**  
It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th December, 1986. Letters of acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on Monday, 15th December, 1986. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk. You should also note that some dealers in shares may insist on seeing your letter of acceptance before purchasing your shares.  
You will not be liable for stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on your application for shares. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will be liable to pay any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax.

**(d) Further instalments**  
You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and third instalments become payable. At the time the reminder is sent for the second instalment (due by 9th June, 1987) you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the letter of acceptance despatched following the Offer. After you have paid your final instalment (due by 19th April, 1988) you will be sent your final share certificate. If you do not pay any instalments for which you are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

#### SPECIAL INCENTIVES

If you apply for shares in the Offer, you may be eligible to receive from the Government, free of charge, EITHER vouchers for use against gas bills from British Gas OR a share bonus. The special incentives are only available if you buy shares in the Offer and not if they are bought subsequently.

**(a) Eligibility**  
To be eligible to apply for these special incentives, you must be an individual investing solely for your own benefit (or investing jointly with not more than three other individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you). Applications made by individuals on behalf of children may also qualify for the special incentives. Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are not eligible for these special incentives but they may apply as nominees for eligible individuals.

**(b) Bill vouchers**  
For every whole multiple of 100 shares you buy in the Offer and hold continuously until certain qualifying dates, you can receive £10 worth of vouchers (up to a maximum entitlement of £250). The way in which the voucher scheme will work is illustrated in the table below:

Number of shares held continuously	ENTITLEMENT TO VOUCHERS ON THE QUALIFYING DATES						Total
	30th June 1987	31st Dec 1987	30th June 1988	31st Dec 1988	30th June 1989	31st Dec 1989	
100	£10	—	—	—	—	£10	
200	£20	—	—	—	—	£20	
300	£30	—	—	—	—	£30	
400	£40	—	—	—	—	£40	
500	£40	£10	—	—	—	£50	
600	£40	£20	—	—	—	£60	
700	£40	£30	—	—	—	£70	
800	£40	£40	—	—	—	£80	
900	£40	£40	£10	—	—	£90	
1,000	£40	£40	£20	—	—	£100	
1,500	£40	£40	£40	£30	—	£150	
2,000	£40	£40	£40	£40	—	£200	
2,500 or more	£40	£40	£40	£40	£50	£250	

**EXAMPLE:** If you receive 500 shares in the Offer you will be entitled to a voucher of £40 on 30th June, 1987 and a voucher of £10 on 31st December, 1987, provided you hold the shares until 31st December, 1987. If you only hold the shares until, say, November 1987, you will only be entitled to a voucher of £40.

On each qualifying date you will be entitled to one voucher, worth £10 for every whole multiple of 100 shares bought in the Offer and held continuously until then, less the value of the vouchers already received. However, the maximum voucher value on any qualifying date will be £40 (£50 on the last qualifying date).

The voucher will be posted to you about two weeks after each qualifying date.  
Your vouchers can be used when making any payment due to British Gas, if that payment includes charges for gas supplied (or standing charges) for your use or benefit in your home. Details of these arrangements will be issued with the vouchers.

**(c) Share bonus**  
You will be entitled to one additional share for every ten shares which you buy in the Offer and continue to hold up to and including 31st December, 1989. The maximum number of additional shares you can receive is 500. There will be no right to receive fractions of shares.  
The additional shares will be transferred to you as soon as reasonably practicable after 31st December, 1989 (together with all rights attaching to those shares at the date of transfer), with all stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on or in respect of the transfer to be met by the Government.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (a) the Ordinary Shares, issued and to be issued, being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 31st December, 1986, and (b) the provisions relating to termination of the U.K. Underwriting Agreement referred to in Part G of Section VII of the full Prospectus dated 21st November, 1986, comprising the listing particulars relating to British Gas plc (the "Prospectus") not being implemented. Application money will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if payment for the shares is made by a receiving bank in a separate account. Rights are reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents to present for payment and otherwise process all cheques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such cheques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as void any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Acceptance of an application by an eligible investor who has elected for the share bonus or the bill vouchers will entitle that investor to the share bonus or bill vouchers (as the case may be) on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set out in Section VIII of the Prospectus.

3. A valid application made by or on behalf of a person who is eligible for the Customer Share Scheme on a green customer application form delivered to that person by or on behalf of the British Gas Share Information Office will, subject to the terms and conditions, be deemed to the extent described in paragraph 2(b) of Part A of Section IX of the Prospectus.

4. By completing and delivering an application form, you: (a) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your application form or such smaller number of shares which the application is accepted on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus and the Instalment Agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding on you if and when a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will not, prior to 1st January, 1987 offer any of the Ordinary Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus;

(c) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 1st January, 1987; and

(d) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment;

(e) if you complete a box to apply for bill vouchers or the share bonus) thereby:

(i) warrant that you are eligible to do so in accordance with the provisions set out in Part A of Section VIII of the Prospectus;

(ii) agree that, if you elect for bill vouchers, you will comply with the conditions of use thereof set out in paragraph 1(b) of Part B of Section VIII of the Prospectus; and

(iii) agree that, if you complete both boxes, you will be deemed to have elected for the share bonus only;

(d) if you make an application under the Customer Share Scheme) thereby warrant that:

(i) you, or if you are a nominee, all persons for whose benefit the application is made, are eligible for the Customer Share Scheme in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 2(a) of Part A of Section IX of the Prospectus; and

(ii) so far as you are aware, no other application has been made under the Customer Share Scheme in respect of the same separately metered gas supply as that in respect of which your application is made;

(c) declare that you are not a U.S. or Canadian person and you are not applying on behalf of any such person, "U.S. or Canadian person" having the meaning set out in paragraph 4 of Part A of Section IX of the Prospectus;

(f) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under this Offer shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England;

(g) warrant that:

(i) if this application is made for your own benefit) no other application is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent or, so far as you are aware, by any other person;

(ii) if the application is made by you as agent for or for the benefit of another person) no other application for the benefit of that person is being made by you, or so far as you are aware, by that person or by any other person; and

(iii) if you sign the application form as agent for someone else, you have the authority to do so on behalf of that person;

(h) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be conditional, at the election of the Secretary of State, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(i) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to send a letter of acceptance for the number of Ordinary Shares for which your application is accepted and/or a cheque for any money returnable by you post at your risk to the address of the person (or the first-named person) named in the application form and to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of holders of interim rights in respect of such Ordinary Shares, the entitlement to which has not been effectively transferred; and the right to which has not been effectively transferred; and in these terms and conditions references to rights being effectively transferred mean the right(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such rights;

(j) agree that all documents in connection with the share bonus or bill voucher arrangements may be sent by post at your risk to the person (or, in the case of joint applicants, the first person) named in the application form to his or her address set out therein or such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of holders of interim rights or the register of members of the Company against the name of such person;

(k) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application and you shall pay the second instalment by, and for value not later than, 3 p.m. on 9th June, 1987 and the final instalment by, and for value not later than, 3 p.m. on 19th April, 1988 for the Ordinary Shares in respect of which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been effectively transferred or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to the relevant time and date;

(l) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights in which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application; and

(m) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to British Gas or the Offer other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer taken together with the Prospectus (the "prospectuses") and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses shall have any liability for any such information or representation other than as aforesaid.  
No person receiving this application form in any territory other than the U.K., the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat it as constituting an invitation to him or her, nor should he or she in any event use it, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation could lawfully be made to him or her without compliance with any regulatory requirements or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the U.K., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man receiving this application form and wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself or herself as to all relevant laws of the relevant territory and to pay any transfer or other taxes returning to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him or her under this Offer.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR DELIVER IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1986 at the appropriate address below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

- A to C: Bank of Scotland, New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AL. or, by hand only, to 28 Threadneedle Street, London EC2.
- Ch to F: Barclays Bank PLC, New Issues, P.O. Box 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD.
- G to J: Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 6DA. or, by hand only, to Registrar's Department, Issue Section, 11 Babsingate, London EC2.
- K to M: Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Mariner House, Peppes Street, London EC3N 4DA.
- N to S: National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Finsbury Street, London EC2P 2BD.
- Sk to Z: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 435, 8 Bankhead Crossway North, Edinburgh EH11 4BR. or, by hand only, to New Issues Department, 24 Lombard Street, London EC3.

Additional receiving centres are open for deliveries by hand until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd December, 1986. These are set out on the back of the application form in the mini prospectus and in the Listing Particulars.

#### GUIDE ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to apply under the Customer Share Scheme, you must complete the GREEN FORM sent to you by the British Gas Share Information Office. Or, if you have received a personalised ORANGE FORM, you should complete that form. Otherwise, please use the APPLICATION FORM below. ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON.

Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals). Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you should put your own name in Box 1, and after your surname write "A/C" followed by the full names of the child. You are not thereby precluded from making a single application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.

Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of shares set out below. Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected.

Number of shares you are applying for	Amount you pay now (50p per share)	Your total investment (135p per share)	Number of shares you are applying for	Amount you pay now (50p per share)	Your total investment (135p per share)
100	£50	£135	1,000	£500	£1,350
200	£100	£270	1,500	£750	£2,025
300	£150	£405	2,000	£1,000	£2,700
400	£200	£540	2,500	£1,250	£3,375
500	£250	£675	3,000	£1,500	£4,050
600	£300	£810	3,500	£1,750	£4,725
700	£350	£945	4,000	£2,000	£5,400
800	£400	£1,080	4,500	£2,250	£6,075
900	£450	£1,215	5,000	£2,500	£6,750

Above 5,000 shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications	Multiples of
5,000 to 10,000 shares	1,000 shares
10,000 to 50,000 shares	5,000 shares
50,000 to 100,000 shares	10,000 shares
over 100,000 shares	50,000 shares

Using the table in Note 2, put in Box 3 (in figures) the amount you pay now. Payment is in three instalments. The second instalment of 45p per share is payable by 3 p.m. on 9th June, 1987 and the final instalment of 40p per share by 3 p.m. on 19th April, 1988.

For bill vouchers, put "YES" in Box A. For the share bonus, put "YES" in Box B. COMPLETE ONE BOX ONLY. If you complete both boxes you will be deemed to have applied for the share bonus only. If you do not complete either box, you will not receive bill vouchers or the share bonus. Before making your choice, you should read the details of the special incentives set out opposite.

Once the application form is submitted your choice may not be changed.

Sign and date the form in Box 5. The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he is duly authorised to do so, but he must enclose his power of attorney.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

**WARNING**  
Only one application may be made for the benefit of any person. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for the benefit of any person.

Put in Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "British Gas Share Offer". Please ensure that it is crossed and write on it "Not Negotiable". Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque form from your building society or a bank branch.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" in favour of the applicant(s).

**JOINT APPLICANTS**  
You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7. Power(s) of attorney must be enclosed if any one is signing on behalf of any joint applicant(s).

## British Gas plc PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

To The Secretary of State for Energy · National Westminster Bank PLC  
N M Rothschild & Sons Limited · British Gas plc

Before completing this form, please read carefully the accompanying guide.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS  
Mr, Mrs, Miss or title: Forename(s) (in full)  
Surname  
Address  
Post code

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
1. Acceptance no.  
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# Mafia leaders charged over Teamsters election fraud

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Four leading crime bosses have been charged with carrying out a fraudulent scheme to ensure the election of Mr Jackie Presser as head of the Teamsters union in 1983. The charges are another breakthrough in the FBI's intensive drive to clear the American labour movement of Mafia influence. Most of the attention is focused on the Teamsters and Mr Presser is himself a prime target. Last May a Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland indicted him for embezzlement and racketeering charges he denies.

FBI agents have been dissecting the Teamsters' books for 32 months in its search for mobster links, which the Justice Department believes date back to the 1950s. One of those charged in the latest scandal is Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno, convicted boss of the Genovese crime group, who was among eight people found guilty last week of operating a "commission" that ruled the Mafia in the United States.

The others named in the indictment are Milton (Maishie) Rockman, John (Peanuts) Tronolone, and Vincent (Fish) Cafaro. Federal authorities have identified Mr Cafaro as captain of the Genovese crime group; Mr Tronolone, aged 75, as a member of the Cleveland crime group; and Mr Rockman, aged 73, as an associate of both groups.

The US Justice Department is backing the drive against the mob in trade unionism. Four

other unions are also being investigated - the International Longshoremen's Association; the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; the Bartenders' International Union; and the Labourers' International Union of North America. All face the possibility of being put under court supervision.

The latest charges say that in 1983 the four mobsters intervened in the Teamsters election process and devised a scheme "to obtain money and other things of value through control and influence of Jackie Presser as President of the Teamsters International". The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years.

The indictment stated that the crime was part of a pattern of activities that the Genovese Group conducted in violation of the federal racketeering law. The defendants were accused of influencing certain Teamsters officials to support the election of Mr Presser by the union's executive board to replace Mr Roy Williams, who is serving a 10-year sentence for trying to bribe a senator.

The indictment alleges that one of the defendants met the heads of organized crime families in Chicago and Cleveland to seek their approval for the selection of Mr Presser. A key prosecution witness will be Angelo Lonardo, former underboss of the Cleveland crime family, who also testified in the commission trial and at a trial of organized crime figures in Kansas City.

# Teachers seek place for blacks

From Michael Harnsby Johannesburg

There are 205,000 unused places in whites-only schools in South Africa which could be filled by black pupils if the education system was desegregated, a report by the South African Teachers' Association (SATA) has revealed.

The findings of the report, which also calls for state schools to be opened to children of all races, have been approved unanimously by SATA's membership, which represents more than 3,000 white, English-speaking teachers in Cape province.

The Government, meanwhile, was accused yesterday of "injection" and "trying to bury" a report by the President's Council, a multi-racial advisory body which would have recommended relaxation of the Group Areas Act. This is the legislation which enforces segregation of residential areas, hospitals and schools, and is one of the chief remaining pillars of apartheid.

According to informed sources, the report would have advocated a "local option", whereby those white municipal councils which wished to do so would be allowed to throw the area under their jurisdiction open to all races.

The report would normally have been adopted after formal debate by the full council of the ruling National Party, which the ruling National Party has a majority, unexpectedly referred the report back to the constitutional committee for further study, a procedure which could mean a delay of at least six months.

# Paris students protest at reform



Truncheon-wielding policemen watching a protest march by thousands of high school students in the Latin Quarter of Paris yesterday against a Bill to reform the university system that has triggered strikes at universities around France (AP reports from Paris). They converged on Boulevard St Mi-

chel, demanding the resignation of M Alain Devaquet, the Minister of Higher Education and Research and the author of the controversial Bill which is to be debated in the National Assembly tomorrow. Police broke up the demonstration without incident after half an hour.

# Burst of activity as Britain tries to finalize EEC plans

From Richard Owen, Brussels

An "end-of-term" spate of activity is underway in Brussels in an attempt to finalize as much as possible of Britain's programme before it hands over the Presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers to Belgium next month.

The farm spending crisis, the budget overrun and completion of the internal market are at the top of the agenda. Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in an address to the English Speaking Union in Brussels that agricultural over-production had led to half of the EEC budget paying for the disposal or storage of surplus products, and this "simply cannot go on".

The final rush to complete business starts today with a meeting of EEC budget ministers chaired by Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury and President of the EEC Budget Council.

There is also to be a final Internal Market Council meeting next Monday, just before the EEC London summit, and a marathon Farm Council meeting on December 8 and 9, coinciding with Mrs Thatcher's address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The budget ministers have to tackle the draft 1987 Budget before its second and final reading by the European Parliament next month.

The Parliament has demanded extra spending of some £2 billion, partly to meet the cost of disposal of the surpluses.

But the ministers also have to deal urgently with a dramatic shortfall in the 1986 budget, much of it due to the soaring costs of farm spending, the fall in the dollar - which affects the prices the

EEC gets for farm products on the world market - and a fall in revenues from customers and tariffs.

In September the Commission warned the ministers that the 1986 shortfall would be around half a billion pounds, but officials say that figure is now a conservative estimate.

Mrs Chalker acknowledged that progress on the internal market and cheaper air fares had been disappointing.

She said achievements of the British Presidency included progress on a joint EEC strategy for job creation and easing the burdens placed on businesses, and progress in tackling terrorism and drugs.

These would be among the themes of the EEC London summit next week.

There had also been "progress in adapting the Common Agricultural Policy to the world of the 1980s and 1990s".

"Taxpayers, consumers and even farmers in the EEC, in other producer countries and in the developing world are saying enough is enough - or more precisely, more than enough is too much," Mrs Chalker said.

"When you get to the point where calves are being fed surplus milk at a cost to the community of 113,000 Belgian francs (£1,883) per tonne, it is not surprising that even the calves are starting to say no."

Mrs Chalker said Britain had full confidence in Belgium's ability to handle unresolved issues in 1987, but on farm policy "we cannot afford to wait".

Officials said there was also concern that the budget overrun would damage research and technology funding.

# Shooting dashes Bonn hope

From John England Bonn

The shooting of a young East German who tried to escape to the West over the Berlin Wall on Monday has dashed Bonn's hopes that the order for East German border guards to use their guns against escapees had been relaxed.

A number of escapes since August in which border guards fired no shots had led to speculation in the West German press that the guards might have turned a blind eye on orders from East Berlin.

The most spectacular recent escape was that of an East Berliner, aged 32, his woman companion, aged 28, and their daughter, aged eight months, who smashed through the barriers at Checkpoint Charlie in a seven-ton lorry. Guards fired three shots but the occupants were unhurt.

A few days later a family of four escaped by swimming the Wacknitz River after making their way through the border "death strip".

Three East German men swam Berlin's Teltow Canal on September 23 after negotiating border barriers on the eastern bank. East German guards did not see them or did not fire at them. Ten East Germans by then had escaped to West Germany by swimming waterways at night within only five weeks. None were shot at.

The Government has made a strong protest to the East Germans over Monday's shooting and Her Heinrich Windelen, the West German Minister for Inter-German Relations, yesterday described the shooting as "murder at the Wall".

# Five die in attack on oil rig

Abu Dhabi (Reuters) - Five oil-rig workers were killed and at least 20 injured in an attack by unidentified aircraft on Abu Dhabi's offshore Abu al-Bukhoosi oilfield in the Gulf yesterday.

Oil industry sources said two missiles hit the field's main terminal 100 miles north-west of Abu Dhabi, damaging living quarters and an oil production platform.

Oil production was halted and the site evacuated. Informed sources said the total number of casualties could be as high as 50.

# Robbers flee

Tokyo (AP) - Robbers hit an armoured car driver in the head and sprayed his face with a chemical in Tokyo on Tuesday, escaping with 330 million yen (£1.3 million) in Japan's biggest cash robbery.

# Cocaine haul

Geneva (AP) - Police have seized a record 44lb of pure cocaine in an unclaimed suitcase arriving at Geneva airport from Peru.

# Poison charge

Belgrade (Reuters) - Mr Nedra Berisa, a director of a smelting firm in southern Yugoslavia has been charged with allowing poisonous waste to pollute two local rivers.

# Pastures new

Stockholm - One thousand reindeer were moved yesterday by lorry from winter pastures in the northern Swedish province of Jamtland made radioactive by fall-out from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, 300 miles south to uncontaminated grazing.

# Polish farmers revive Rural Solidarity

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish farmers' protest movement, the banned Rural Solidarity union, has announced its rebirth in the form of a "temporary council" which will fight for peasants' rights and, in the words of its founding statement, "try to save Poland from a food catastrophe".

The statement was signed by only three activists, including Mr Jozef Toppa, the veteran activist who helped to establish Rural Solidarity in July 1981. The new "temporary council" said that it would also incorporate nine other activists who would stay anonymous to them to work in the underground.

After the Polish authorities released all political prisoners - including such leading Solidarity figures as Mr Zdzislaw Bajak - Solidarity tried to work out a way in which it could function openly as a pressure group on the Government while, at the same time, keeping alive some of the old underground structures.

They came up with the idea of "peace" councils of Solidarity, which would be established in all major Polish cities

and co-ordinate what was left of the union protest movement. So far they have been rather quiet, partly because of arguments about strategy. Communist Party sources say that temporary Solidarity councils have tried to register themselves officially in at least 10 Warsaw provinces, presenting their statutes and aims to the local authorities.

Usually the boards include former members of the underground opposition and are regarded with suspicion by the authorities, who have yet to register any of the councils.

The current debate in the Solidarity opposition is how far one should co-operate with the authorities in achieving desirable goals, such as an improvement in consumer supplies or the reduction of pollution, or more obviously political ambitions like union rights. The issue has been crystallized in the current attempts by the Government to establish social consultative councils which would put officials and noncommunist intellectuals together at the same negotiating table.

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The M15 spy book hearing in Australia

Whitehall accused of inconsistency

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Whitehall's policy of re-training confidential information is inconsistent, the New South Wales Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Peter Wright, tendered a number of books and exhibits in support of this contention. He argued that information in The Ties That Bind, a book published last year without hindrance from the British Government, was in topicality and by nature far more sensitive than anything in the Wright book which the Government is seeking to suppress.

Mr Turnbull said the book contained "eye-glazing detail" of the British intelligence services, including recent heads, structures, addresses and information on sabotage and demintinn schools.

When Mr Turnbull put this to Sir Robert Armstrong, in his fifth day under cross-examination, the Cabinet Secretary said he had not read The Ties That Bind and could not compare the two books. "I told of its contents, he said: 'I would certainly regret the

publication of British information in such a book." He agreed, however, that nothing had been done to stop it.

Mr Turnbull said that, although the British Government would still not officially confirm the existence of M16, the book, The Ties That Bind, gave the organization's headquarters at 100 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1.

The book, by Jeffrey Richelson, an American, and Desmond Ball, an Australian, also listed similarly detailed information on the security services of the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, including signals intelligence, code-names and detailed technical information, he added.

Another book, Conspiracy of Silence, published in Britain last week, contained many direct quotations from members of the security services, Mr Turnbull said.

Sir Robert replied that those involved had been reminded of their duty of confidentiality. Asked why the Government had not sought to restrain publication, he added: "The view was taken that, though the breach of the duty of confidentiality was repre-

hensible, the actual material was not sufficiently damaging to warrant the extreme measure of seeking an injunction."

The material was either already in the public domain or was trivial, he added.

The Wright book, on the other hand, was considered by the nature of its disclosures to go far beyond that.

In argument against the Government's contention that it had never allowed publication of writings by an "insider" from the security services, Mr Turnbull cited four examples which he said fell into that category. They were: Clock Without Digits, by Sir Percy Sillitoe, head of M15 in the 1950s; The Philby Affair, by Hugh Trevor-Roper, a wartime member of M16; The Cambridge Comintern, an essay by Robert Cecil, another former M16 officer; and Handbook for Spies, by Alexander Foote, who was said to be a Russian agent but was actually an M15 man writing under a pseudonym.

Mr Turnbull also submitted a series of articles published in the New Statesman and the Guardian covering such subjects as GCHQ, phone-tapping and M15 structure, which

Sir Robert acknowledged Whitehall had made no effort to restrain.

Faced with this volume of material to read, Mr Justice Powell remarked to Mr Turnbull: "Please remember that in 13 years, 11 months and 14 days, I reach the statutory age of judicial senility."

Nearing the end of his cross-examination of Sir Robert in open court, Mr Turnbull referred to a letter to Mrs Thatcher from Mr Jonathan Aitken MP, in January 1980, shortly after she disclosed the treachery of Anthony Blunt in the Commons.

Mr Turnbull said the letter had called for a full statement to restore public confidence in the security services, along with an announcement on a major reorganization. What consideration had been given to these suggestions?

Sir Robert: "The Prime Minister decided there should not be a statement of that kind. She made that decision and informed Mr Aitken and he accepted it."

Later Mr Turnbull asked whether, since 1979, the Government had given "serious consideration" to changing

the policy of disclosures of intelligence matters.

No, Sir Robert replied. Mr Turnbull put it to him that Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, had not sought an injunction against Mr Chapman Pincher's book, Their Trade Is Treachery, because he had given an assurance that "there was no ongoing problem of penetration of the security services, which assurance did not agree with the opinion of his principal source, Mr Wright."

Sir Robert denied it. Mr Turnbull: "There has been a number of matters (covered in cross-examination) where you were unable to give the court substantiated answers. I have invited you to make further inquiries. Have you sought any such further information?"

Sir Robert: "I have not sought any further information."

The cross-examination of Sir Robert is due to go into closed session today after legal argument in which the British side is expected to argue that it is not obliged to produce certain documents ordered by the court on the ground that they are covered by a "public interest immunity" clause.



The Prince of Wales talking to members of the British 3rd Parachute Regiment and the Canadian Airborne Regiment in the UN buffer zone near Nicosia yesterday.

Philippines 'close' to ceasefire agreement

From David Watts Manila

The Philippines Government may sign a ceasefire agreement with Communist insurgents before the end of the week.

Emerging from some eight hours of negotiations with representatives of the National Democratic Front at a secret location, Mr Ramon Mitra, who is Minister of Agriculture and one of the Government's three negotiators, said there had been substantial progress.

He said finalisation of the agreement could come as early as today, but in any event he expected it to be signed before the deadline of November 30 set by President Aquino.

Mr Mitra said that additions had to be made to the pact, but the general principles were already in place for a ceasefire that would last less than the 100 days suggested by the Communist. Once agreement was reached the cessation of hostile acts could begin in early December.

It remains to be seen, however, whether Mr Mitra's optimism is justified. Yesterday's was the third meeting which he had indicated was "a make or break" meeting. One of his fellow-negotiators said earlier in the week that there remained two sticking points.

The negotiator, Mr Teofisto Guingona, also said that the points were ones which the Manila Government could not concede.

Each time the two sides have come close to agreement in the past, some external factor has delayed the final signing. The negotiations began on August 5 and broke off at the end of September when Mr Rodolfo Falas, chairman of the NDF's military commission and of the New People's Army, the party's military wing, was arrested.

The talks were later resumed by the NDF without the release of Mr Falas, but broke off again last month after the murder of the labour leader, Mr Rolando Ollala. The Communists returned to the negotiating table yesterday despite the fact that no progress has been made in investigating that killing.

Asked if the removal as Defence Minister of Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, who had been advocating a tougher line against the Communists, had had any effect on the negotiations, Mr Mitra said there had been none.

The new Defence Minister, Mr Rafael Nieto, has initially welcomed the Government's stance of negotiating a ceasefire. But he is known in private to be concerned that the Communist insurgency is getting beyond the control of the poorly-equipped armed forces of the Philippines to control.

Wright says Government tried to discredit him

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the figure at the centre of the M15 spy book trial, emerged briefly from seclusion here yesterday to counter what he said was an attempt by the British Government to discredit him through the columns of The Times.

Looking frail and unwell, the former M15 mole hunter admitted receiving royalties for his collaboration with Mr Chapman Pincher on the book Their Trade Is Treachery, but said Mr Pincher was mistaken when he told The Times that he had not been involved in the payments.

"I can prove, and will prove in court, this is not true," Mr Wright said.

his first public appearance far during the current trial, he said that, as the book had "selectively" parts of his evidence when he was in contact with the "insider", he chose not to make a statement containing the testimony he is to give in court next week.

Wright was addressing a gathering at the offices of Malcolm Turnbull, his lawyer, who issued a similar earlier in the day.

Wright, who is 70 and in ill health, read the statement in a faltering voice, apparently as a result of difficulty with reading, and would not answer questions.

The following is the statement made by Mr Peter Wright in Australia yesterday: "As you will no doubt be aware, I have been preparing for my appearance in court next week, and in particular preparing a full disclosure of the circumstances of the publication of Their Trade Is Treachery.

However, the Government this weekend has selectively leaked parts of my evidence to the Whitehall correspondent of The Times in an effort to discredit me in advance. Accordingly, I have no choice but to make a public statement which will of necessity contain the information which will be part of my testimony.

In the summer of 1980, I received a letter and a first-class air ticket from Lord Rothschild inviting me to come to London to discuss the impact of the Blunt disclosures, disclosures with which I was not involved in any way. This approach came totally out of the blue.

When I arrived Lord Rothschild explained that he had recently met Mrs Thatcher, and that she was inexperienced in intelligence matters. We discussed the Hollis affair, as we had many times before. I expressed concern that I trusted facts of the Hollis case be

Their Trade Is Treachery had come about, he said, through Lord Rothschild, who he knew to be "an intimate confidant of successive heads of British intelligence establishments".

In the summer of 1980, Mr Wright said, he had been approached "intuitively out of the blue" by Lord Rothschild, who sent him a first-class air ticket "inviting me to come to London to discuss the impact of the Blunt disclosures".



Mr Wright, an authorized but deniable operation.

placed in front of her, and showed Lord Rothschild a paper I had begun to write on the subject. I asked him if he would be prepared to use his influence to place the document in Mrs Thatcher's hands.

Lord Rothschild said this approach would not work, as Mrs Thatcher would feel obliged to refer any official approach direct to M15. He told me that the best way to proceed a proper investigation of the Hollis affair was to write a book.

He told me that the book would have to be written by someone else and he suggested Harry Pincher. He telephoned Mr Pincher and shortly afterwards

he appeared. I had the distinct impression this meeting had been pre-arranged.

I was terrified of getting into trouble. Lord Rothschild assured me it was going to be all right. He told me that he would arrange for his Swiss banking facilities to pay me half of the royalties from the book. He knew I was in financial difficulties and I was grateful for this assistance. Mr Pincher has told The Times that he was not involved in these payments. I can prove, and will prove in court, this is not true.

I knew Lord Rothschild to be an intimate confidant of successive heads of British intelligence establishments. I could not conceive of him embarking on such a project without knowing it had the sanction, albeit unofficial, of the authorities. I sensed I was being drawn into an authorized, but deniable operation which would enable the Hollis affair and other M15 scandals to be placed in the public domain as the result of an apparently inspired leak.

All I know about Lord Rothschild, and the ease with which Their Trade Is Treachery was published, leads me to the inescapable conclusion that the powers that be approved of the book."

Wright said, he had been approached "intuitively out of the blue" by Lord Rothschild, who sent him a first-class air ticket "inviting me to come to London to discuss the impact of the Blunt disclosures".

In this way, Mr Wright said, he believed that he was drawn into an "authorized but deniable operation" to bring what he termed "the Hollis affair and other M15 scandals" into the open.

When he got to London, Mr Wright said he had discussed

Churches fight Kenya Bill

From A Correspondent Nairobi

The National Christian Council of Kenya (NCCCK) has joined the legal profession in expressing reservations about proposed amendments to the Kenyan Constitution which would remove the security of tenure enjoyed by the Attorney-General and the Controller and Auditor-General.

The Law Society of Kenya has called on Parliament to reject the Bill as being against the public interest.

Bishop Alexander Mugo, the Anglican Bishop, read a statement signed by the NCCCK general secretary, Mr John Kamau, and the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, the Rt Rev Lawi Imathiu, expressing "deep concern" about the proposals.

The Minister for Labour, Mr Peter Okondo, has defended proposed changes, saying a permanent Attorney-General was alien to democracy, and an Auditor-General could not continue in office if he fell out of favour.

Mr Okondo said security of tenure for the Attorney-General was provided in the Constitution at Kenya's independence, because European settlers demanded it.

Police stop bid to kill Pope

Brisbane (Reuter) - Australian police yesterday arrested a former mental patient armed with five fire bombs when, they said, had planned to kill the Pope "because he has got too much money".

The Sydney resident, aged 24 and recently discharged from a mental hospital, told detectives he had come to Brisbane three days ago to kill the Pope.

He was arrested in the lobby of Brisbane Town Hall after being discovered during a routine security check seven hours before the Pope arrived during the second day of his week-long visit to Australia.

He was carrying a cardboard box containing five soft drink bottles each filled with a litre of petrol. They were taped together.

Police said the man told them he went to the Town Hall as part of his research for an elevated position from which to throw the petrol bombs.

A Papal spokesman declined to say if the Pope had been told about the arrest, but police said his bodyguards were informed.

The Pope was shot and severely wounded in St Peter's Square in 1981 and a Spanish priest lunged at him with a bayonet in Portugal a year later.

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THE ARTS

Nuclear families

"It's like putting a log in the middle of your larder" groused one of the protesters in The Dump (BBC2), a 40 Minutes special on the Lincolnshire village whose disused nuclear site is to be recycled as a nuclear waste dump.

TELEVISION

The local squire, whose family has been in residence for an even longer period of time and with no deleterious consequences, thinks this is a very bad idea. So do the visiting vicar, a sometimes meat-eater, and his parishioners, from the rectory ladies to the generous ladies at the gate.

One could not but think that the impoverished black villagers in Pleinair 86: Back to the Frontier (Central) had a deal more to protest about. With malnutrition and lack of sanitation, half of all children in the black hamlets die before their fifth birthday.

Martin Cropper

Sun, sea, sand and savagery

THEATRE

B29 Théâtre de la Porte St-Martin, Paris

Two American airmen forced into the roles of Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday, ramshackle Second World War style, is the nub of B29, written by Alain Page, directed by Derek Goldby, starring Richard Berry and Niels Arestrup. It is best described as wide-screen theatre. The filmic qualities of this encounter of a distinctly masculine kind are, however, no real surprise: this is Page's first foray into live drama from a successful career as a novelist-cum-screen-playwright, and most recently as a film-maker with Taxi Boy.

Out of the darkness come the eardrum-bombarding sounds of an airborne B29 fighting for its life, losing and spinning earthwards. The blackness lifts to the gentle swish of the ocean and exotic bird-song, and the wrecked fuselage of the aircraft is discovered, nestling amongst the palm trees of a Pacific island paradise. This is captured down to the last scatter of munched coconuts by Jean-Marie Fievez's aplomb-drawing design, realistically executed by Robert Petit with the help of the tropical-green fingers of Pierre Declercq.

Four years have passed, and the war is over, but not for the two forgotten survivors of the crashed bomber - Sergeant Sam Hunter (Arestrup) and Private Tony La Motta (Berry) - whose castaway existence has evolved into a harsh fantasy world, given shape and purpose by past realities.

They continue to act out the military routine: the daily ritual of running up a sun-bleached rag that was once the American colours, a regular arms inspection. But the real force behind their existence is Hunter's enforcement and La Motta's apparent concurrence in maintaining the military pecking-order. Hunter progressively elevates himself to the rank of General and La Motta to that of Commander. Nevertheless, at base, their relationship is always that of master and slave.

Before the war La Motta was a jazz musician and his hornist memories are easy plunder for the sexually deprived Hunter. La Motta intuitively exploits this, donning with equal ease the personality of a limp-wristed hairdresser or a stinky-hipped female dancer. Inevitably, Hunter is led towards making real sexual advances, which are forcibly rebuffed. The master/slave syndrome begins to crack open.

Page's not altogether original dialogue is often superfluous to the performers' own remarkable physical interpretation of the characters, aided by a second wave of cinema realism with close-up deep, all-over sustains (maintained by daily sessions under ultraviolet lamps), grizzled, unshaven chins, matted hair, tattered but accurate uniforms, US airmen circa 1940 for the use of.

However, the convincing qualities of Arestrup's fat-cat, vicarious, slow-thinking, supercilious Hunter, and Berry's contrasting dark, lean, alley-cat, subversively cunning La Motta go far beyond facial stoniness and a spell under a sun-lamp. They are the product of a near perfect coordination between two exceptional actors and a director who knows exactly what he wants, and how to get it.

B29 is the British-born Goldby's first Paris production. During the past 10 years he has been closely involved in the Belgian theatre, as well as continuing to work regularly in the UK, USA and Canada. This international patina shows itself to some advantage in his outspoken treatment of B29. In complete contrast to the liberated images on French television and cinema screens, in the theatre there still lingers an unmoderated and inhibiting decorum, particularly in the private sector, which all too often results in emasculation. Page's cinema experience ignores this and Goldby's direction keeps the actors well squared, without turning them into a Broadway pastiche.

The big-screen imagery has not gone unnoticed: an American company has already shown an interest in turning B29 into a film.

Diane Hill



Falling rank: Niels Arestrup and Richard Berry as the forgotten castaways in B29.

Bringing up baby

Fathers Tower, Canonbury

Although the English theatre has been buzzing with political drama for the past 15 years there have been surprisingly few plays on specific public issues, and fewer still with any concrete proposals for reform.

Playwrights may consider themselves above this journalistic task, or leave it to television. But the "blue book" tradition proves still very much alive in this piece by Charles Langley. The subject (discussed by Barbara Aniel in The Times on November 19) is that of the rights of the unmarried father to his offspring if the mother opts for adoption, single parenthood, or abortion.

Fathers follows through a test case from the breakdown of a partnership to a settle-

ment out of court. After four years with Tim, the pregnant Kate ducks out of the approaching marriage and decides to have her child adopted. In her and everyone else's amazement, Tim digs in his heels and fights for custody. As the only child of a wealthy factory-owner, he knows what it is like to grow up in a house where Daddy is always busy, and is determined not to hand on the damage to the next generation.

At once he finds himself in a labyrinth of legal discrimination and prejudice, where social workers, feminists and his own family share the same incredulity at the sight of a man who would rather bring up a child than go out and make money.

From the highly-stated treatment of Tim's antagonists, I am not persuaded that Mr Langley knows very much about militant feminists or captains of industry. But there is no disputing the authority

and passion he brings to the central issue, both in sorting out the legal inequities, and in pinning down the thought-aphorizing clichés that surround the subject.

The piece is written in solid, serviceable dialogue, with comic relief tacked on like a fretwork frame round a family photo. But the narrative gets a clean run; and in the final duel everything superfluous is burnt away in the intense heat of feeling.

There is some excellent support playing (from Tom Tilley and Marcus Toulmin-Rothe), and a main partnership of strengthening interest from Bob Hutt and Maria Davies.

Irving Wardle

David Thacker's production of Ghosts, acclaimed by Irving Wardle at its Young Vic opening last month, has now transferred to Wyndham's Theatre.

Russia's voice raised in joy

CONCERTS

Arkhipova/Ilya Wigmore Hall/Radio 3

With the voice of Mother Russia captive within the Wigmore Hall, one wanted the bedtime stories to go on and on into the night. As it was, Irina Arkhipova was being broadcast live as part of the BBC's Russian Season, so she had to stop just at the point at which, having been spoilt by Mussorgsky's "Gopak" and Rachmaninov's "Do not weep for me", one longed to whine for still more.

Any London recital by Arkhipova is a landmark in the singing year. This one will be particularly memorable because of the repertoire which the BBC's season invited: rarely performed and revealing late-nineteenth and twentieth-century works by Medtner and Taneyev, Shapov and Sviridov. What is more, in Ivani Ilya, from the Moscow Conservatoire, Arkhipova has a pianist not only her equal in technical and imaginative virtuosity, but also equal to the voracious appetite of Medtner's accompaniments.

Arkhipova, unbelievably, has had more than 60 years to know and nurture her voice: seldom does one hear the instrument and the mind be-



Glowing: Irina Arkhipova

hind it in such intensely live accord. Listening to her scaling of Taneyev's sinister "Minuet" - a dance of death with a view to the guillotine - or following the entire range of the mezzo voice as it tracks the bare octaves of Sviridov's "Silhouette" was an experience comparable to hearing Shakespeare read by the finest of actors: proportion and pitch, weight and measure, all vibrantly alive in the joy of recreation.

We were even to hear of a sample of this, too: the voice rose from speech into song and back again in Sviridov's "Willow Song" from his incidental music to Othello. Sviridov, a pupil of Shostakovich, was happily presented at his most ideologically unfettered in two more pieces: a delightful Siberian folk-song, and a setting of Pushkin's "Winter Road".

Hilary Finch

Philharmonia/Haitink Festival Hall

It would be ironic if Mikhail Pletnev's reputation in the West soared after this impressive performance of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. For the young Soviet pianist was playing only because his erstwhile compatriot, Vladimir Ashkenazy, had withdrawn for solid capitalist reasons.

Pletnev has not played in Britain or America since shortly after winning the 1978 Tchaikovsky Competition. One can understand the Russians' concern that he should not accidentally get lost on foreign soil. He has a superb technique by any standards, presenting a glittering cascade of steely-toned figuration in the early unaccompanied variation, taking a refreshingly unselfish view of the lush sections, and tackling the ferocious octave

Richard Morrison

Holliger/Northern Sinfonia/Pay Huddersfield Polytechnic

Monday in Huddersfield was predominantly Heinz Holliger's day. In the lunchtime concert, we heard three of his more intimate compositions, two of them supremely idiomatic studies for solo instruments not his own, while later he gave a marvellous performance of a work by John Casken with the Northern Sinfonia.

But first of all, Jean Sulem attacked the ferociously unrelenting Trena for viola (1981) like a man possessed, achieving the intended multi-layered, simultaneously fast and slow effect quite brilliantly. In fact one was tempted to suspect that technical considerations motivated this work more than expressive ones. Not so in (J)air(e) for snail flute (1978/83), one of a series of

pieces composed during the last decade in which Holliger attempts to reflect the strangely timeless late verse of Hölderlin.

Here the composer requires the protagonist to tackle any number of new techniques. Few flautists other than Aurèle Nicolet could have negotiated such a plethora of harmonics, whistlings, sharp intakes of breath, and even a basso raspberry with such exactitude, while at the same time achieving an impression of sustained line. The result is actually a delight, as in a rather different manner is Holliger's Trio for oboe, viola and harp (1966), justly one of his most celebrated works.

The Casken piece in the Northern Sinfonia's evening concert, which Antony Pay conducted, was the ingenious, haunting Alapage for oboe, cello, two horns and strings of 1982, a five-movement structure full of shadowy metamorphoses and commentaries which nevertheless bears itself with a classical elegance.

Stephen Pettitt

LONDON DEBUTS

Dimitri Szalchowski, who lives and trained in London, tackled the technical problems of Rachmaninov's Second Sonata like a seasoned virtuoso. Every detail of the piece's darkly virtuosic score came off with immaculate precision. He is a cultured player, demonstrating a natural affinity with the Russian Romantic repertoire, but to develop further he must work at projecting the emotional content of the music to a greater degree.

I could not make much sense out of the American pianist Michael Sellers's recital. His Mozart was half-learned, his Chopin metrically naive and his Liszt technically messy. But Leo Ornstein's Three Moods of 1914 confirmed that for Sellers the sonority of the instrument is paramount, and he allows his priority to override all other considerations.

James Methuen-Campbell

The French film director Bertrand Tavernier never treads the same road twice. His new film, Round Midnight, recalls the days when emigré jazzmen were a cult in Paris. Interview by John Preston

The cinema has never had much time for jazz. Hollywood, in particular, has tended to regard jazzmen with grave suspicion, partly because they were inclined to be black, and partly because the unpredictability of jazz was held by some to be at fundamental odds with the narrative drive of the cinema. In fact it was, as film director Bertrand Tavernier is quick to point out, his fellow countryman Louis Malle who asked Miles Davis to write his first film score for Ascenseur pour le Chateaufort in 1958. And now Tavernier is out to carry on Malle's good work in Round Midnight, which opens at the



Caution, hand signals: Bertrand Tavernier has gone for diversity in a 12-year career in features

Warner West End at the end of the week. Set primarily in Paris in the late Fifties, the film follows the mixed fortunes of an elderly black American saxophonist as he struggles to stay off the drink and out of the financial clutches of various avaricious and outstandingly oily impresarios. Based on a loose amalgam of Bud Powell and Lester Young, the character is played by veteran jazzman Dexter Gordon.

Tavernier himself, despite his canny yellow pullover, looks as if he has just stepped out of a canvas by Daumier. A large man with a long nose and an assortment of chins, his lugubrious exterior is belied by a manner which is earnest, expansive and comes complete with a full range of frenzied hand signals.

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It was while lunching in Paris more than two years ago with Martin Scorsese and the producer Irwin Winkler that the idea for Round Midnight took serious shape. "Ever since I was a film critic I have been intrigued why jazz was used so little in the movies," Tavernier says. "Why was it that someone like Duke Ellington only scored two films? Be-bop particularly fascinated me. I've always regarded be-bop musicians as the real geniuses of American music."

"I was also fascinated by the fact that be-bop was the only music that has never been bastardized or tampered with. Somehow it is impossible to interfere with it because it is such free music. I wanted to reflect that spirit in the structure of the film: to build it up like a musical piece. There is no intricate plot but a freetown structure with time lapses, flash forwards and things happening that don't appear to be related to each other."

Tavernier decided early on that he wanted a musician to play the lead role rather than an actor, and as soon as he saw Dexter Gordon shambling into his New York hotel room he knew he had found his man - "It is absolutely incredible, he even walks be-bop with a three-beat rhythm". At the same time, Tavernier's plans to make both the film's main characters musicians immediately went by the board. "I realized that musicians only really communicate properly when they are playing music. When you ask Dexter a question, sometimes you have to wait for up to five minutes for an answer."

Working with Gordon was, Tavernier concedes, a hazardous as well as slow business. "You know," he says in awe-struck tones, "the percentage of alcohol in his blood can be quite astounding." But Gordon turned in a performance that drew extensive plaudits from the American critics and may well do the same from the British ones later this week.

Midway through the interview a messenger comes in bearing a large fat package. Tavernier tears it open and crows excitedly when he sees it contains a copy of Michael Powell's recently published autobiography, "Michael Powell, I love him," he says, repeating it three times to dispel any doubts. "I am trying to do in my films what Powell and Pressburger did, to let the emotions carry the plot. I think a lot of my work recently has been a reaction against the current vogue in American movies where they are selling emotion instead of exploring it. In Round Midnight I wanted to go with the emotion the whole time, so that it almost became the plot as well as dictating the pace and the rhythm of the film."

In the 12 years since he started directing feature films, Tavernier has turned out a determinedly eclectic body of work, from his admirably restrained account of a school-teacher on the verge of cracking up in Une Semaine de vacances, to the sci-fi excesses of his other English language film to date, Deathwatch. "I have this terrible fear of repeating myself," he says. "For me directing movies is like exploring unknown territory: I like to explore a lot and

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# The CAP the world won't wear



Part 3: No winners in the subsidies war

policies are causing everything from anger to misery and starvation to over-supply, as this third report on the state of the CAP shows

If all the victims of the Common Agricultural Policy lived in Europe, it would at least be possible to draw a line around the problem. But the CAP is a blight which knows no borders, a malaise which has infected the rice paddies of Thailand, the beef herds of Argentina, the industrial and agricultural heartlands of America.

It has either caused, or significantly contributed to, a situation where Third World farmers, once unable to produce enough, are now unable to sell what they do produce because of competition from cheap imports; where President Reagan, once the high priest of free trade, now finds himself forced to put up barriers against Europe; where in Australia and New Zealand, whose farmers once benefited from artificially-high pricing in Europe, often have to go bankrupt only because their debts are so big that the banks cannot afford to foreclose on them. There is even an argument that the CAP is indirectly adding to child prostitution in Thailand.

Hopes of change are hedged about with uncertainties and contradictions. All branches of the EEC's giant bureaucratic tree are agreed that the problem is a worldwide one; and that perception is shared in Washington. So the solution lies with the GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Some promising signals have come out of the latest GATT round, which began in Uruguay in September with an American and EEC commitment to review their extensive use of farm subsidies.

But does this amount to more than mere rhetoric? Although the GATT declaration called on member countries to discuss all subsidies, direct and indirect, Mr Willy de Clerq, the EEC's external affairs minister, says that the "aims and fundamental mechanisms of the CAP" cannot be called into question — a statement apparently designed to placate the French which also served to baffle the Americans.

US officials say the world problem cannot be resolved until there is bilateral agreement between Washington and Brussels and that in turn cannot happen until Europe puts its CAP house in order.

Hopes of a US-EEC agreement look slim while claim and counter-claim are the main commodities

Adverse effects of Europe's Common Agricultural Policy have spread far across the world. From Buenos Aires to Sydney, from Washington to Bangkok, EEC farm

crossing the Atlantic. And although the US has in the past couple of years become as much of a transgressor as Europe on farm support — Washington is expected to exceed \$35 billion this year against about \$25 billion in the EEC — Europe is still seen as the main villain.

Uruguay's President Sanguinetti said after the Gatt meeting that "the United States has recently passed some bad policies but Europe is our historical problem." Washington's approach to the EEC since the GATT round opened has been conciliatory, but Daniel Amstutz, US under-secretary for Agriculture, said in Brussels recently that avoiding a breakdown of the GATT round would be a "monumental challenge".

The EEC is especially upset about the US "export enhancement programme", basically a subsidy, which costs Washington \$300 million a year. But American officials claim that "export restrictions" cost the EEC that amount every three weeks.

The US says the EEC is "deliberately discouraging" Third World imports, while Europe counter-claims that it spends \$40 billion on food imports a year, 80 per cent of it at zero tariffs.

While the buck is passed back and forth, in countries like Argentina the effects of subsidies are plain to see. "In the war between the EEC and Reagan," said one government official, "we are the losers. We have no possibility of competing because we can't afford to subsidize."

In 1970, Europe bought 48 per cent of all Argentina's exports; by 1984, the figure was down to 24 per cent. EEC subsidies have cost Argentina between \$600 million and \$1 billion in the last two years, according to the government, which also says that EEC subsidies have helped Europe cut heavily into Argentina's traditional third-country markets, including the Soviet Union, Egypt and Israel.

Last year Argentina exported only one third of the meat it sold at the end of the 1970s. The final irony is that, with its farmers finding beef increasingly un-economic to produce, the government may soon have to import it to satisfy domestic demand in a coals-to-Newcastle operation.



What price the future? this Zimbabwean can't compete with Europe

## Stunted growth

Black Africa has a high profile in Britain, thanks mainly to Band Aid spectacles on behalf of the famine-stricken regions. But there is much more to Africa's food problems than a mere lack of rain.

Zimbabwe, for example, with a two million tonne maize stockpile, has the potential to feed not only itself but many other African countries at a fraction of the total production, storage and transport costs which Europe incurs in getting its products to the famine areas.

But the Common Agricultural Policy, combined with the vast stockpile of farm products amassed by the United States, pose a greater menace than Africa's droughts to Zimbabwe's fertile and well-managed acres. Together they threaten to push 4,200 export-orientated commercial farmers — mainly whites — into bankruptcy, while nearly a million emergent black peasant farmers could be thrown back on to primitive subsistence agriculture.

With the accession of the Mediterranean countries to the EEC, even tobacco — the crop which white large-scale farmers felt was most secure — risks taking a cruel hammering on world markets. There are fears that the Commu-

nity might encourage the mass production of low-grade leaf which would then be dumped on world markets far below cost.

The director of Zimbabwe's Commercial Farmers Union, David Hasluck, says: "The French, in particular, hold the view that as long as there is a food deficiency in Africa, the dumping of European food surpluses can be justified on humanitarian grounds", he says.

Botswana is one of 63 countries which get special EEC help — Brussels guarantees to buy 18,916 tonnes of Botswana beef a year. Botswana's problem is overgenerosity: cattle farmers have increased their grazing land to such an extent that it is encroaching on areas frequented by wild animals.

The country's entire ecology is threatened if EEC "help" continues at its present level, although Botswana's cattle farmers suspect that the EEC is now using the ecology argument to try to restrict beef imports because of the urgent need to reduce the size of the beef "mountain".

Morocco regards itself as the African country most affected by the CAP now that Spain and Portugal have joined the Common Market. Aside from phosphates, agricultural exports are Morocco's chief revenue earner and more than half of these are absorbed by the EEC.

## Tied up and let down

Tapoca is a name to invoke terrible memories of school dinners. But it also serves as an object lesson on the consequences of exposing a primitive agricultural people to the sophisticated pressures of the global food game.

Twenty years ago Europe re-discovered tapoca. German and Dutch pig and cattle farmers found that, made into pellets and mixed with soya and oil, tapoca — or cassava — became a cheap animal feedstuff. And north-east Thailand, where it has always been grown, was the place to get it.

Dr Eadyson Wilkinson, the EEC's Charge d'Affaires for south-east Asia, recalls what happened: "You could see 10,000 trucks tearing up the roads, day and night; like ants, they were loaded down going one way, like ants, they were scuttling for another load once they were empty. At Bangkok's main port dozens, hundreds, of people were drowned in the mad scramble to manhandle loads from lighters to ships bound for Europe. I recall one huge shed with about 300 clerks, heads down all scribbling export orders, watched over by a manager up on a dais."

The benefits to Thailand from tapoca were huge — an income of around \$900 million (compared with \$1.4 billion for the traditional crop, rice). More important, this income was directed at the poorest region of the country, an area most sensitive to infiltration from its communist neighbours.

It was good for everyone — except the French. For every tonne of cassava that landed at Rotterdam for EEC consumption, one more tonne of French barley went unsold. Their market was devastated. In 1982, with a little help



Root of the trouble: farmer Noi Petri, a distant victim of Brussels

from the Italians and a lot of arm-twisting of other partners, the French managed to persuade the EEC to impose quotas, limiting Thai exports to an average five million tonnes per year (from a peak of nearly nine million).

Professor Amma Sinarwalla, executive director of the Thai Agricultural and Rural Development programme, is the nation's chief opponent of the quota. Yes, there were people in Bangkok, said Prof Amma, who would insist that 10 million Thai face starvation;

that Thai farmers sell their children to stave off debt.

"Most of Bangkok's slums are filled with people from the north east, that has always been so. Certainly many children from those areas do end up in brothels

But this scheme cannot be conducted on that moral plane. The moral element in this argument is why should Brussels belly a small nation like ours when they are afraid to tackle the super-powers on their contribution to the cereal surplus; why Thailand's tapoca, and not America's citrus pulp?"

Noi Petri is a 55-year-old farmer in Saenarn Chaitet, 100 miles from Bangkok. "We were very poor 20 years ago. Then tapoca brought good years. For the first time there was money for food and a little more. We made our houses stronger. Clothes from the village for my children. All seven could go to school. Books. Two bicycles to take them. We don't have TV, but we have radio, and it was the radio that told us tapoca had become a bad crop. Now we are getting only 0.9 baht (2.4 p) per kilo; once it was 4.5 baht. I don't know where Brussels is exactly. I don't understand why they tell me to grow mango or avocados. Such things take years to give good crop. Meanwhile how do we eat?"

Professor Amma said he was hopeful in at least one respect: "So far we have been able to keep government out of decisions. We have to deal with that ludicrous state of mind known as Brusselsitis, but only at one end."

## Money: flood and drought

India is home to perhaps the best known offshoot of the CAP, Operation Flood, which uses part of the huge surplus of milk products that the CAP generates in Europe.

In the 15 years or so that it has been supported by the EEC, Operation Flood has received more than \$500m of skimmed milk powder and butter oil.

The aim has been to increase the supply of milk and to raise its price. Thus the standard of nutrition of the population is raised while the incomes of the rural poor are increased.

Supporters say Operation Flood has been so successful that other Third World countries want to develop similar schemes. But critics, who are numerous, maintain that the system simply gets rid of Europe's surpluses.

Mick Charles explains why he and Australia's other 60,000 wheat growers are in serious financial difficulties in 1986. He earned A\$59 (about £26.50) a tonne; this season, 36 years on, he earned A\$77 a tonne; next harvest his profit is likely to be A\$67.

Caught between falling prices (due to the CAP and US subsidies) and high interest rates, many growers face bankruptcy. Paradoxically, more would have gone broke already were the situation not so serious. "It's the old story," Charles says. "If you owe the bank \$1,000, you've got a problem. If you owe \$100,000, the bank's got a problem."

Australia fought back at the September GATT meeting, emerging as a forceful and effective spokesman for the small non-subsidized farm exporters.

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In January last year, Bill Whittingham and his wife Eileen arrived at the tiny French village of Sinoerre to resume a life in farming that had begun 1,000 miles away in the bleak hills of Yorkshire's West Riding. Their new home was a decrepit farmhouse, but they did it up and that autumn Whittingham, aged 50, sowed the first cereal crops on his 70 acres.

France is the most important agricultural producer in the EEC, and one of the main beneficiaries of farm subsidies. Individual farmers, nevertheless, do not always feel they have fared so well, and many are now facing serious difficulties. But Whittingham was convinced that no other government in the EEC looks after its farmers like the French. After working 100 dairy acres in Yorkshire 16 hours a day, seven days a week for 17 years, he spent about a decade with the NFU seeing both sides of the industry. "Anyone could see that farming in Britain was getting harder every year," he says.

In France he found quality agricultural land at half the



Found in France: Bill Whittingham, happy on richer soil

price, and a range of inducements, from start-up grants of up to £20,000 to subsidized credit for buying land, housing and machinery.

The greatest advantage, though, is the comprehensive back-up French farmers receive from the co-operatives to which the vast majority belong. From marketing crops and providing technical services and advice the co-operatives work to improve their members' lot.

"The French system functions excellently at every level," Whittingham observes. "With almost 20 per cent of the population involved in agriculture, we obviously have great political clout and the co-op leadership understands how to use it."

It is this ability to work the corridors of power, Whittingham considers, that gives French farmers their apparent edge in the dog-fight to make the most of the CAP.

## Losers on the zigzag

West German farmers regard themselves, with some justification, as the losers in the Community.

West Germany's farms, mostly small family operations, have almost halved from 1,385,300 in 1960 to 720,800 in 1985, but farmers' incomes are still at 1974 levels, averaging £8,500 a year.

"German farmers have no clear perspective of the way

ahead because of Brussels's zig-zag course on agricultural policies," says Dr Walter Florian, State Agriculture Secretary.

West Germany's government last May agreed a national financial first aid programme for farmers based on tax-free subsidies to help them pay their social security contributions, plus grants to those in depressed areas. But Bonn, for years the largest net contributor to the EEC budget, wants more done towards cutting over-production.

## The list goes on

Outside the big league, many other products get CAP support, including:

- Barley, rye and maize: A "target" price is fixed, and imports are subject to a variable levy representing the target price and the generally much lower world price.
- Milk products: Seventy-five per cent of milk produced in the EEC goes into dairy produce, resulting in ever-accumulating intervention stocks of butter and skimmed milk powder.
- Pigment: Intervention price is deliberately set too low because of the ease with which producers can increase output. Levy is applied to any supplies imported below an agreed "minimum" price, and financial aid is available to take meat off the market.
- Eggs and poultrymeat: Im-

ports from outside the Community are subject to price controls. No internal market support.

● Sugar: A complicated quota system is applied to control beet production and to ensure a market for Third World cane producers. But farmers still overproduce.

● Oils and oilseeds: No levies on imports of vegetable oils, but large subsidies to processors to persuade them to use local oilseed rape, sunflowers and soya.

● Olive oil: Imports subject to levies, and EEC growers receive subsidies.

● Fruit and vegetables: Imports subject to duties if prices fall below agreed level.

● Hops: Grants are available for the establishment of producer organizations and to encourage growers to switch to higher quality varieties.

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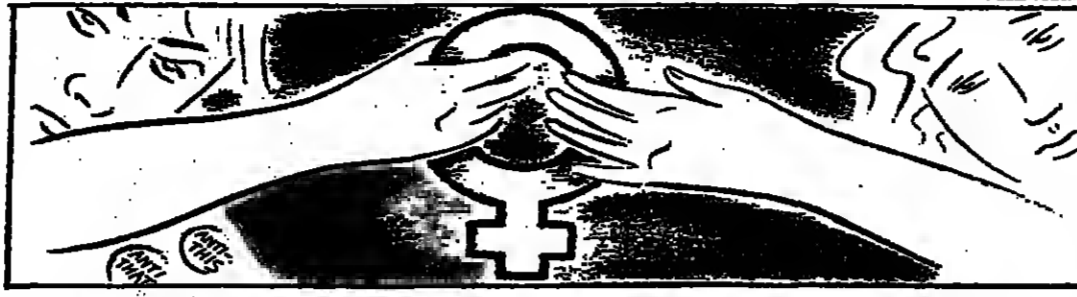


WEDNESDAY PAGE

'Feminism has been hijacked, but it is not lost; common sense is a great influence and mainstream women are ready to reclaim the movement'

About a month ago a friend sent me a copy of Private Eye's "Woman"...

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Paula Youmans

and men and women are supposed to share responsibilities and the marketplace is supposed to treat us all equally...

Without these technological changes feminism could never have come into being. But having said that, I'm very pleased the women's movement developed...

feminism. It started in the 1970s when the ambitions of the women's movement were translated into such pieces of legislation as the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts...

babies while their job was conventionally held. I can't blame women for having such ambitions, but no matter how much I sympathize with people's private goals, I have never thought they should be legislated...

is the anti-heterosexual world of the Inner-London Educational Authority, with its banning of books like Tom Sawyer and its promotion of such books as Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin...

Barbara Amiel

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BRIEFLY A round-up of news, views and information

Presents of mind

Ruth salts and crystallised ginger may make perfectly pleasant presents - but infinitely more useful Christmas gifts for the elderly and disabled can be found in the Products For Home Health Care catalogue...

Quote me...



"Christmas is like pregnancy... you forget what it was like last time." - Jilly Cooper, author.

Play it safe

The launch of Esther Rantzen's Childline highlighted the plight of parents and teachers in making children understand the importance of saying 'no' to strangers...

Russian rose

Even the imagination of Barbara Cartland would be hard-pressed to conjure a tale as romantic as Eugenie Fraser's fascinating chronicle of her Russian childhood...

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The appliance of social science is being used to reunite parents with children - David Leitch finds it's big business

around the house and then, out of the blue, he said he was adopted. Would I help with the records so he could find his mum? I said no automatically - and I kept saying no...

largely by word of mouth, though in time she advertised in a newspaper. From the start she found the research enthralling - "like solving a detective story"...



Paul Lovelace

Perfection in detection: super sleuth Ariel Bruce reveals in her role as a matchmaker who binds together fragmented families

the discovered parent wishes, for good reasons or not, to leave the past buried? "Nine results in ten are excellent. But there can be cruel and hurtful rejections, and they are extraordinarily sad..."

'Cruel rejections can be terribly hurtful and sad'

the idea of a child coming back to reap vengeance on a parent who has deserted them is well-known. "It has never happened - the clients are always solicitous to a fault about their unknown parents," she insists.

to everyone. NORCAP (the National Organisation for the Counselling of Adoptees and their Parents) is a fast-growing, widely experienced self-help group...

Most of Ariel Bruce's 70 successful searches will ever be counted in the Registrar-General's statistics. They are the fruit of a freelance effort already well on the way to fulfilling a prophecy made by her tutor who she graduated from Kingston Poly.

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All the fury of the fayre

Roll Up, Roll Up. Ye Olde Christmas Fayre is upon us. The Big Bang, Bob Geldof and the Standing Order to Oxford have not made a jot of difference to this, the biggest time of the year for buying and selling second-hand goods...



The season of sweet charity looms and shoddy second-hand goods are a-plenty

holding a Christmas fayre in your home, do consider the cost of wear and tear in advance. If you're going to make £200 in an event which wrecks the hall and stair carpet, ruins the paintwork and leaves you exhausted and not speaking to your husband all the following week, maybe you would be better cancelling the invasion...

money down a piece of clean plastic drain pipe, the evening's total and, if correct, win back half of the money raised. Around a 120 well-heeled guests speculated on amounts up to £145 but the total proved to be a paltry £30...

From Ellen Eisenstein, Richmond, Surrey.

Regarding Barbara Amiel's article on the question of a man's right to decide if his unborn child is to be aborted or not (Wednesday Page, November 19), for ages it has been claimed by men that anatomy is destiny...

TALKBACK

these men must live with the fact that since they cannot give birth, then they should not have a deciding voice over who else must.

From Mrs S Parkinson, Maidstone, Kent.

Barbara Amiel concludes her article, "I don't want to force any unwilling mother to spend years bringing up an unwanted child, but surely when there is a parent happy to do this..."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1116

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Belief (8), 2 Falcon leath (4), 3 Fetter bone (7), 10 Linger uncertainty, 11 Concur (5), 12 Fantastical (5), 13 Exam questions (5), 15 Roulette disc (5), 16 Shove aside (5), 18 Second Jewish writings (5), 20 Shield (5), 21 Sleeve ribbon (7), 23 Makes free of (4), 24 Body of ideas (8), DOWN 1 Code (6), 2 Overt (8), 3 117th degrees head- west (9), 4 Football attack leader (6,7), 6 Jealousy (4), 7 Indian military leader (6), 8 Abashed (8), 11 Marital unfaithful-ness (9), 14 Grapevine (8), 15 Claim relinquishment (6), 17 Cheap and showy (6), 19 Second hand (4), 22 Cow noise (3)

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THE TIMES DIARY

A long trail a-winding

David Steel attains some of his goals, even if he has to wait ten years to do so. After enduring a decade of fearfully cramped political life, he hosts a modest occasion tonight to celebrate the acquisition of a suitably spacious office in the bowels of the Palace of Westminster. So labyrinthine is the route that he has had a pub-style sign hung outside the door to declare his presence within. One cross-party irony is that Steel is beholden for all this to Labour MP John Silkin, chairman of the Commons accommodation and administration sub-committee. I gather that Steel intends to offer a prize, entitled to be a bottle of champagne, for the first Liberal to find his or her way to the premises tonight. I am putting my money on Elizabeth Shields, recent victor at the Ryedale by-election, who has been gleaming intelligence from Steel's research staff.

Chez new

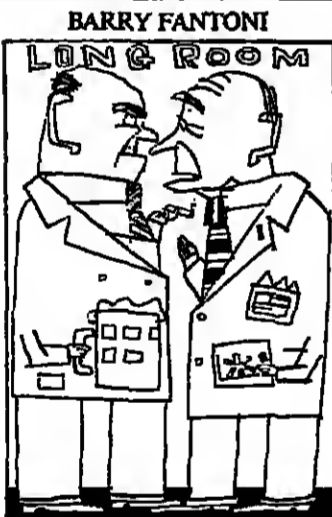
Much amusement among Tory MPs over a request by the whips' office for updated telephone numbers and addresses "and any other numbers where you may be contacted." One MP tells me: "One's mind boggles as to what might be included in that range." He said it, not me.

Millennial

I have heard of forward planning, but Michael Storey, managing director of Westminster Cable Television, stretches the concept to its logical limit. He has just put down a £5,000 deposit for an option to book Wembley Stadium for the night of December 31, 1999, for a "Greatest Hits of the Twentieth Century" concert. I have to confess that the prospect of Mick Jagger strutting about the stage just a few years short of qualifying for a pension strikes me as fine entertainment value.

Exotic East

The most improbable holiday resort, I would have thought, is the London Borough of Islington. Hence I am surprised to note that it is the only London council to have its own stand at the World Travel Market in London. "For the first time we have taken a stand at the show to promote the borough and create jobs," says a spokesman. "Where are Westminster and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea?" Flinging a few timely ideas from Bradford, which promoted Last of the Summer Wine and Heriot Country holidays, Islington is offering "EastEnders mini-break weekends," with the chance to meet members of the cast.



Tired? I'll say. I've been up all night listening to the Radio Three commentary on the spy trial.

London pride

London's cabbies so enjoyed sporting the Guinness "Genius" posters on their vehicles that about 30 of them are still driving around with them, even though their advertising payments stopped in May. The reason, I am told, is that taxi drivers, who have to pass a test called "the knowledge", consider the slogan to be a good reflection of their driving skills.

Clive James, in typically uncharitable style, on the second part of his autobiography: "Actually, parts of it were written by Princess Michael."

Liaison off

Sir Alfred Sherman's campaign to save the Federation of Conservative Students has ground to an abrupt halt. At a meeting hosted by Sir Alfred on Monday night, 50 FCS members came out against the Sherman plan to establish a liaison committee; instead they have opted to join the Conservative Collegiate Forum, the organization which will replace the FCS. Only Harry Philbbs and a few other right-wing diehards are now refusing to knuckle under to Central Office. Game, set and match to Norman Tebbit.

Enlightened

Sammy Wilson, Belfast's hardline Democratic Unionist lord mayor, switched on the city's Christmas illuminations yesterday, and his fellow Loyalists having boycotted the ceremony last year. Immediately beneath the huge "Belfast Says No" banner which is still slung across the front of the city hall in protest, Wilson suggested yesterday that the slogan for the next few weeks should be "Belfast Says Noel." I hope it catches on.

PHS

Amos Perlmutter on the departure of Admiral Poindexter

A good hand badly played

The resignation of President Reagan's National Security Adviser, Vice-Admiral Poindexter, exposes disastrous mismanagement of foreign policy. Current foreign policy ideas are sound; it is their execution that is at fault.

How did this embarrassing debacle occur? It has a great deal to do with the quality of those responsible for management and policy guidance at the National Security Council, going back as far as 1980. Under Reagan, the NSC has been headed and managed by men with little knowledge of foreign policy, as was the case with Judge William Clark, his second National Security Adviser, or of a specifically military outlook, such as Admiral Poindexter and former colonel Robert M. Carlane. The only academic was Richard Allen, who soon proved to be without the stature of a Kissinger or Brzezinski and left. In fact, Reagan aides have always been apprehensive of the NSC being dominated by another Kissinger or Brzezinski. The result has been a succession of mediocrities or men of very narrow focus.

Kissinger understood the design and structure of foreign policy — and the delicacy of its implementation. In the present crisis he would have sensed the opportunities presented by a forward policy towards Iran while recognizing its pitfalls.

Members of Reagan's staff have never been clear on the line of demarcation and influence between the NSC and State Department. Normally it depends on a president's personal style, but in Reagan's case it has never been clearly defined.

After this latest fiasco, the need for a strong National Security Adviser has become painfully clear; indeed, this may be the most significant lesson to emerge from the whole affair.

It was the job of the NSC to co-ordinate with the State Department, the Defense Department and other agencies to recommend to the President a consensus of policy. That was the NSC failure — recommending a policy which was obviously opposed by Defense and State.

As Secretary of State, George

Shultz should have made sure that his influence and thinking got to the President instead of pretending ignorance at a later date. He was, like the NSC, negligent in his duty.

In an earlier address to the nation, President Reagan offered the possibility of a breakthrough on Iran and the Gulf. To address itself to the issues of Shia terrorism and fundamentalism, the US must grapple seriously with Iran. Reagan was attempting to reverse Carter's discredited policy, and well he should. He has to take into account the reality of the revolution and the influence of the Khomeini regime. None of the other so-called revolutionary movements in the Middle East — from Nasserism, to Pan-Arabism — have managed to change Muslim and Arab societies, their ruling classes, their political systems and politics in the way that Khomeini has changed Iran. These are the facts, however unpleasant, on which US policy must be based, not on some idealistic hope.

An American policy that geared itself to recognition of Iran and the

reality of its revolution is rife with opportunities. If anything, it would probably encourage a certain degree of restraint among the Muslim fundamentalists and might help assure that religious zealotry is not used to dominate the Arab Gulf states. It would also assuage the fear that dominates thinking in the pro-western shiekdoms.

In recognizing Iran formally, the US would at least have some leverage over the regime. Economic assistance would provide the US with further leverage in bringing an end to Shia terrorism now conducted from Syrian-occupied Lebanon. It would also act as a further obstacle to the Russians' political inroads in the Middle East. The political options resulting from diplomatic negotiations include the ability, in addition to containing Shia terrorism, of restraining the more repugnant aspects of Khomeini's revolution and finally ensuring the stability of the Arab Gulf states.

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Wilfred Beckerman

Pay: Lawson's real U-turn

Perhaps I should not be writing this in public since the success of the Chancellor's economic strategy depends on nobody noticing what it really is. But politicians cannot keep anything hidden for long, as President Reagan has discovered over arms for Iran. So Lawson's real U-turn, as distinct from the imaginary one, might as well be exposed now.

Until recently he constantly declared that unemployment could not be reduced without greater flexibility in the labour market, and particularly in real wages. He enunciated this doctrine clearly in his Mises lecture in 1984 and repeated it frequently thereafter. In this he was stoutly supported by the OECD and by The Economist, which regularly publishes a diagram prepared by the OECD purporting to establish a relationship between real wage rigidity in various countries and the degree to which their unemployment rates have risen. These diagrams show Britain as having the most rigid real wages and the highest increase in unemployment. Thus one is expected to deduce that Britain's rise in unemployment must be a result of our greater wage rigidity.

It is this doctrine that the Chancellor seems quietly to have dropped. Presumably he has finally discovered that, given other features of the British economy, unemployment is not the result of real wages being too high but of being too low.

The continued rise of real wages of those in jobs is probably partly responsible for the increase in overall demand and slight fall in unemployment over the past few months. This must be very welcome to the Chancellor in the run-up to an election. It makes it less necessary for him to take expansionary action in the form of large, genuine increases in public expenditure. (The planned increases announced in the autumn statement arose largely out of increases in areas of local authority expenditure over which central government has little control). The rise in wages also adds to government tax revenue, thereby leaving scope for further expenditure increases or tax cuts in the next budget without laying himself open to charges of fiscal irresponsibility in the interests of a pre-election U-turn. Overt expansionary action would be undesirable on two main counts. First, it would unnerve the City and so threaten the exchange rate and import prices, which are a major determinant of domestic inflation. The level of unemployment has little effect on inflation since the unemployed become

"outsiders" with no say in wage negotiations. Secondly, some economists would argue that if those in work clearly saw, or expected, expansionary policies they might demand such large wage increases as to prevent the outsiders from being hired.

In an economy where investment is sluggish, where the non-oil balance of payments is worsening, and where the government's and the deflationary policy in the private sector by an adequate deficit in the public sector, the only hope of any sustained expansion of demand must lie in the continued rise in real wages.

This is a slender hope and a short-term remedy at best. On the demand side too much of the increased consumption will be of imported goods and, on the supply side, our competitiveness will suffer even further. By early next year the deterioration in the balance of payments could become more serious, and with it the threat to the exchange rate. Lawson may still have time to get in a generous budget in the spring before the price is paid, including perhaps heavy devaluation justified as part of a package involving our entry into the European Monetary System — hence, perhaps, the current refusal to do so before it is really necessary.

It is like the pre-election developments in 1964 which left the incoming Labour government with a balance of payments crisis to deal with. But the 1964 election did produce a change of government. This time the strategy of raising real wages for the 87 per cent still in work may mean that it will be Lawson who faces the consequences of a consumption-led boom.

The official Conservative doctrine has always been that inflation must be eliminated for employment to be raised. It is now clear how this works: inflation comes down, fortunately, as a result of falling world commodity prices. Interest rates are still kept high, largely to protect the exchange rate which is the crux of the anti-inflationary policy. This dampens investment and weakens the current balance of payments. But since none of this has much effect on wages, in the end real wages rise enough to leave a bit over for domestic consumption after satisfying increased demand for cars and other imports. The election is won, followed by an even nastier balance of payments crisis. But, in political terms, that's a long way off.

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Yuri Orlov on western misunderstandings over Soviet human rights

Peace through pressure

International security cannot be guaranteed by agreement between governments alone. Ribbentrop and Molotov embraced and shook hands immediately before the war between Germany and the USSR. One could object that in negotiating for peace and friendship they did not have mutual disarmament in mind. Today however, even mutual disarmament by the USA and the USSR would not, of itself, guarantee peace.

Of course disarmament is essential. It would help to reduce the danger of war breaking out accidentally. On the other hand, complete nuclear disarmament would reduce the mutual fear of retaliation, and this would make it easier for a war to start with conventional weapons; and no matter how another world war might start, it would end with nuclear strikes. The nuclear end of the Second World War and the fierceness with which small wars are waged today leave no doubt of that.

True, security would not be guaranteed by agreement about mutual disarmament. Something else is required: the relationship between the peoples of the West and the Soviet bloc must be approximately the same as that between France and Great Britain. Both are nuclear powers, but a nuclear war between them is inconceivable.

Is such a relationship possible between western nations and the USSR? Would not the USSR have to be capitalized, and the West Sovietized? I do not think so. The ordinary people on both sides do not want a nuclear war, so to ensure that one never happens it is essential that they have complete control over all foreign and military policies of their governments.

Further democratization is necessary for this to be achieved even in the West in the Soviet Union, the present system is totally at odds with this essential requirement for mutual security. Soviet citizens are not only denied the opportunity to protest against the military actions of their government but cannot even take an interest in them. If our Helsinki monitoring groups had become involved in these issues we would all have been sentenced as "spies" or "traitors".

The degree of secrecy in the USSR is such that passing information about political prisoners can be viewed as "treason", so it is not hard to imagine the reaction to publishing information about military policy. In



Jeffrey Morgan

considering international security we cannot ignore the direct link to the overall question of human rights in the USSR, including the citizen's right to criticize government actions.

The defence of Soviet citizens who are persecuted for expressing such criticism is therefore not only a universal moral duty but a self-interested insurance against dangerous recklessness by the Soviet leaders. The West, unfortunately, seems almost unaware of this fact.

To ensure that the people of both sides get to know and understand each other, and so demonstrate that they want peace, there must be no barrier to free and open communication. No one in the USSR should be persecuted for their desire to leave and return to the country whenever they wish and to talk freely to foreigners.

At present, Soviet society still remains a kind of "underground organization" with respect to for-

Such reforms would not necessitate the collapse of the Soviet system. They require only the rejection of the Kremlin's dream of communism dominating the entire world. Dissidents in the USSR well understand the direct connection between the dream that communism will prevail and the closed and repressive nature of the regime. But their thinking is still insufficiently understood in the West.

It was with great difficulty that the West realized the possibility — indeed the necessity — of using the Helsinki Final Act to improve human rights in the Soviet Union. But before we can speak about the possibility of change, we have to make the effort for these changes to occur. At the Belgrade review conference, for example, not one western delegation made such an effort. Now, at the Vienna review conference, everyone is speaking about human rights, but the majority do not name the country guilty of the violation. Most of the western delegation have failed to mention the names of individuals who should be released immediately from prison, labour camps, exile or psychiatric detention, or of the reformists who have waited many exhausting years to leave the country.

It is essential to demand, openly and persistently, a universal political amnesty in the USSR. This would lead to the release of at least 800 political prisoners, first and foremost the 40 or so who monitored the observation of human rights agreements. At the very top of the least should be Dr Andrei Sakharov, Anatoly Koryagin — nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize — writer Anatoly Marchenko, the Jewish leader Isai Begun and Professor Naum Melman and his wife, who has cancer. It is crucial to lay down in the text of the next concluding document the unassailable rights of citizens to monitor human rights.

At Helsinki the Soviet Union promised to the world that its citizens would enjoy basic freedoms. The West must demand that that promise be kept. Some progress can be observed, but as yet it is a far cry from the right to fundamental criticism which is so important for the security of us all.

Dr Orlov, a physicist, spent nine years in Soviet prison camps and internal exile because of his work for human rights. He was allowed to leave the Soviet Union for the West last month.

John Tuppen finds cross-Channel parallels with Britain's fight against urban decay

Squalor of the inner cité

The depressing spectacle of half-empty and vandalized blocks of flats, set against the back-cloth of a rundown urban environment is today a new and unwelcome feature of French cities, just as it is in Britain. The issue has become so pressing that over the last four years the French government has spent more than 4 billion francs (about 2400 million) on rehabilitation programmes. But unlike Britain, where the problem is seen to stem mainly from the 19th century, in France it is a consequence of the huge, seemingly interminable apartment complexes (often called *grands ensembles*) which formed such a significant feature of the country's rapid post-war suburbanization.

The *grands ensembles* were built in response to the severe housing crisis in the 1950s and 1960s produced by the combined effects of a high birthrate, a substantial inflow of immigrants and returning colonial expatriates and a large-scale movement from rural to urban areas. In these huge estates, the largest housing more than 20,000 people, shortcomings were soon apparent: high-rise, high density living environment, poor construction, lack of shops and services, few local jobs. But at the time they were regarded as a success simply because they provided homes.

Twenty years later many of these vast, anonymous "cités" are rejected. The more affluent have moved to new houses which have mushroomed on the outskirts of the cities, leaving behind empty flats in deteriorating areas no longer respected by their inhabitants. The *grands ensembles* were increasingly the refuge of families

with low incomes, the unemployed and a large and diverse immigrant population often resented or misunderstood by the French and with a high proportion of adolescents, an inevitable consequence of the arrival 20 years ago of a large number of young families. Members of this group now face particular problems in getting jobs, especially when, as is often the case, their educational standards are low. Not surprisingly many of these youngsters feel rejected and frustrated.

In the early 1980s their resentment exploded with a series of violent outbreaks, notably in the huge complexes of Les Miniguettes at Lyon and "Les 4000" at La Courneuve in the northern suburbs of Paris. It was clear that a major programme of remedial action was needed.

The government commission appointed to look into the problem put the emphasis on improving educational and vocational training and promoting racial harmony. Local bodies were given greater administrative responsibility to end the delays caused by the previous need to get the agreement of several ministries for rehabilitation measures. The most obvious improve-

ment since then has been to the physical environment. Tower blocks have been demolished, despite their recent construction, and an increasing number of the remaining apartments substantially remodelled. Balconies have been added, kitchens enlarged and the buildings' previously austere and uniform facades brightened up in the hope that residents will take greater pride in their surroundings; usually they are consulted on improvements in advance.

To improve conditions generally, health centres, post offices, computer centres, and recreation halls were built and evening classes started. More social workers now operate in these areas; and advice is available on managing the family budget. Young people are helped to find jobs. Foreign housewives can learn about French cuisine, and considerable information and guidance are available to try to assist young people to find their first job. More ambitiously, employers have been urged to provide work in the immediate neighbourhood and some rehabilitation jobs are available for the local residents.

There has been a significant change of attitude among the housing bodies responsible for the estates. Their role in the past was simply to manage the property, often from a distance. Now some have established a local presence to resolve daily problems, such as the need for repairs, which were previously left unattended. Similarly, allocation procedures have been revised to ensure a wider assortment of occupants in any one block.

More than 120 suburbs have now been designated for priority rehabilitation; and in the last four years 40,000 flats have been modernized and vacancy rates have fallen; the unrest of the early 1980s has largely evaporated. But, in spite of the obvious progress, problems remain. Few new jobs have been created and change seems unlikely without an improvement in the French economy overall. The work of refurbishing flats has been slow and expensive.

Moreover, as the number of areas qualifying for government assistance has grown, expenditure in any one district has diminished, leading to the disappearance of some new services and a dissipation of the initial enthusiasm. Indeed, the problem of an equitable and adequate distribution of financial resources is likely to grow, because it is now clear that rehabilitation is no longer a problem only of the *grands ensembles* but also of much of the public-sector housing throughout the country and, increasingly, privately-owned property in certain inner areas.

Here a further parallel might be drawn with Britain, where the idea of rehabilitation being linked with one type of area has been shown to be false.

Paul Valley

Walking into trouble

Los Angeles Some of the time in California they mean what they say. There are the bartenders who tell you that beneath their short white jackets they are really poets and men of letters dedicated to the re-evaluation of the reputation of Rupert Brooke. There are the would-be movie moguls with nothing to lose except their rented West Hollywood apartments who will wax greedily about the bankability of the new package they are putting together. And there are the traffic signs. In Los Angeles when it says "Don't Walk" it means "Don't Walk".

The other day I saw an assorted line of automobiles standing respectfully at the junction of Sunset and Vine while an elderly woman with a gauged walnut stick hobbled across the road. The traffic signal was on green but the cars stood patiently as she moved before them. There was no uneasy revving of the engines, no sounding of horns, not even an irritated tapping of fingers on the steering wheel.

To me, a recent arrival from New York, where cars seem to be compulsorily fitted with some heat-seeking anti-pedestrian device, it seemed an unusual occurrence. As I leaned forward to get a better view of the woman I noticed the face of the driver of the white and green taxi cab in which I was sitting. He was smiling graciously. The woman was old, in her eighties, perhaps, and wrinkled and wrinkled as a sun-soaked sultana. Her clothes were elegant, though their designer would not have thought her their best advertisement. An aging starlet of the golden era? I wondered aloud. "No, it's just a little old lady," he said.

But if West Coast drivers are surprisingly benign in their attitudes to aberrant pedestrians the same cannot be said of the traffic cops. As she reached the sidewalk a policeman was waiting with an open notebook. He began to write. The sign had said "Don't Walk", and the City of Los Angeles, no respecter of age, was giving the little old lady a ticket.

Since 1980, policemen in Greater Los Angeles have written out nearly 250,000 tickets in a deliberate campaign which has doubled the number of prosecutions. Looking around the place it is hard to imagine that there ever were that many pedestrians, let alone jaywalkers.

Los Angeles is a city conceived, constructed and controlled by car drivers. The streets are wide and the houses in the suburbs stand in well-spaced gardens with ample driveways. The conurbation sprawls for tens of miles in each

direction. Public transport in many areas seems virtually non-existent. It is almost as if the very act of walking constitutes a challenge to the autocracy of the automobile.

If ignorance is no excuse for jaywalking, neither is injury. An 82-year-old woman who was recently inciting her way across a Beverly Hills boulevard was knocked down by a speeding car. When she arrived home after 10 days in hospital she found a jaywalking ticket to welcome her.

Defending the routine practice of ticketing both jaywalkers and driver in such cases as good policing, the LA traffic department helps keep down the number of deaths. The US National Safety Council has estimated that more than a third of all pedestrians killed in motor accidents were jaywalking, and certainly the number of pedestrians killed in Los Angeles fell last year by 28 per cent to 102.

But there seems no consensus among traffic experts on whether there is any causal relationship. New York and Chicago, which both have more relaxed regimes, suffer similar rates. And there can be no doubt that the issue raises other complications — as well as tempers.

A Santa Monica lawyer, Robert Mann, has filed a complaint alleging "unlawful detention" after being held for 20 minutes by a traffic cop who claimed that he couldn't read the attorney's signature on the jaywalking ticket — you sign them in lieu of bail as a guarantee that you will plead correctly at a future hearing. Another case is pending in which a man claims that during his arrest for jaywalking in 1984 he was shot in the groin by a police stungun, rendering him impotent.

Policemen say that most jaywalkers accept their ticket good-naturedly. Those who ask why the cops aren't out doing something more useful, like catching murderers, are told that the cops would be if they didn't have to waste time ticketing jaywalkers.

There are few exemptions. Recipients of LA jaywalking tickets, the police here will proudly tell you, include persons as elevated as the US Attorney General, Edwin Meese III, and the head of the CIA, William Casey. To get off with a mere reprimand in this principality of the angels it seems you have to be a member of the most exalted ranks of the scra- phim. Linda Evans, an actress in America's leading soap, *Dynasty*, was earlier this year let off with only a warning. Well, some of the time in California they mean exactly what they say.



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THE FIRST CASUALTIES

The resignation of President Reagan's National Security Adviser, Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, and the murky circumstances which attended it are evidence that only part of the truth, and perhaps a very small part of the truth, about the US arms-for-Iran affair has so far been told.

President Reagan's judgement on matters of national and international import is now being comprehensively called into question. For the second time since the dealings with Iran became public, he has been forced to backtrack.

If President Reagan's advisers had been actively trying to discredit his administration, they could scarcely have done better in the timing and content of yesterday's revelations.

of its own embargo, that not only was it so lacking in circumspection as to get caught, but that the sales operation itself was handled at worst dishonestly, at best with incompetence.

Ten days ago, when the President's enemies and even many of his friends were baying for blood, a single resignation, most probably that of Mr Poindexter, might have sufficed.

Thus far, the truth amounts to a sophisticated piece of creative foreign policy which went wrong because the other party — a certain group of ayatollahs who hoped for power in a post-Khomeini Iran — was found out or chose to divulge the details.

It now includes elements of devious financial dealing in which the main beneficiaries were the Nicaraguan Contras. Promise of a full judicial inquiry into the affair may

help to still curiosity; speculation, most of it harmful to the President, will continue until it is complete and probably beyond.

In stating that he was not appraised of all these elements of the Iran deal, President Reagan may have helped to protect his position as the rest of this sorry affair unfolds. The Secretary of State, George Shultz, may also benefit. He has said all along that he knew some, but by no means all of the truth.

Yet the President's ignorance reflects poorly both on him personally and on his closest advisers. Until now the US public and the world had assumed that even if President Reagan had neither the time nor the inclination to engross himself in the fine details of policy-making, he had the broader vision appropriate to his office, he had an overall grasp of the situation and he knew when to take advice and from whom.

The President retains his reputation for openness which may have been enhanced by the decision to give details of the financial irregularities as soon as they became known, even though they were bound to be as damaging as anything that has emerged so far. That openness now needs to be continued — if necessary, at the cost of further departures.

Cutting councils Failings in the churches' mission down to size

From Mr P. J. Barlow Sir, You report (front page, November 20) that "a radical plan to allow the break-up of large local authorities into smaller, self-sufficient councils is being considered by Government ministers". Would it be too much to ask if this Government consideration could extend north of the border?

Most of your readers probably do not know that one local authority — Strathclyde Regional Council — administers education, roads, social work and the police and fire services for half the population of Scotland. Three village communities in Ayrill — Kinaird, Ardentinny and Newton in Ayrill — are at present fighting proposals by Strathclyde council to close their primary schools.

What chance do we have of a fair hearing when our county, which has a coastline longer than that of France and whose remotest part is as far from Glasgow as the heart of Somerset is from London, has one (that's right, one) representative on Strathclyde region's schools subcommittee? Yours etc, P. J. BARLOW, Annandale, Minerva, Inveraray, Argyll, November 21.

From Mr R. T. Rivington Sir, The Government is considering the introduction of plans for dividing large boroughs like Brent for the purpose of better serving the interests of smaller groups within it. Another borough deserving the same consideration is Oxford, and the Government should invite the Boundary Commission to investigate its separation into two boroughs of Oxford and Cowley, for environmental reasons.

The old city and west Oxford suffer constant environmental threat from a Cowley-dominated borough council. On environmental issues, such as the current plan to legalize serious encroachment on Port Meadow, their Labour councillors steadily oppose the Cowley Labour majority.

The two towns have different origins at different times and serve different purposes. The contiguity is fortuitous and malign.

Overheads in maintaining two municipal administrations would be too expensive to justify, but it is now time to ensure whether two separate municipal bodies could share the expenses of administrative organizations making separate decisions for it to execute. As a form of local government, this may be a first one, but the weaknesses of local government are egregious and should be intelligently fought. Yours faithfully, R. T. RIVINGTON, 5 Carlton Road, Oxford, November 21.

Research decline

From Dr Denis F. Owen Sir, Recent discussions about the decline of "British" science are misleading. Today there are many more research institutes and universities scattered throughout the world than there were thirty years ago. Scientists often move between them and are thus able to work in each other's countries.

Many of the papers and books I have published have been written from universities abroad and bear their addresses and so, using the method of scoring suggested by the Editor of the British Veterinary Journal (November 7), they would presumably be counted as "non-British" contributions. Yet I have not changed my nationality. Science is international and the published results of research are freely available to all, no matter their nationality. Indeed, the nationality of the contributor is not important. What is important is that the work is done and published for all to read.

I suggest there is no such thing as "British" science and that scoring "UK publications" is a misleading and worthless activity. Yours sincerely, DENIS F. OWEN, 2 Shefford Place, Headington, Oxford.

Health or wealth?

From Dr James Lindesay Sir, The Government is now planning to spend £20 million on educating us about the dangers of Aids. The recent campaign to advise the British Gas share issue has cost £30 million. It would appear that our masters are more interested in Sid's moneys than in his life. Yours faithfully, JAMES LINDESAY, Flat 1, 11/5 Broad Court, Bow Street, WC2, November 21.

Future of N Ireland

From Father J. Buckley Sir, Mr A. T. Q. Stewart (feature, November 15) declared, "In this part of the United Kingdom democracy has ceased to operate". The historical reality is that democracy has never fully operated in that corner of Ireland. The plantations of 1609, which drove the natives from the best land and replaced them with settlers, put paid to the possibility of democracy. The centuries that followed saw the minorities discriminated against time and again. The bar of history testifies to this.

From Mr Anthony Richmond Sir, I agree with Mr Waller (November 17) that the state of the cemetery in Peshawar is to be regretted, but even more to be regretted is the fact that Christians in this country do so little to help the Church in Peshawar pay its clergy, maintain its buildings and institutions or extend its training and work.

Given these problems, and noting also the sometimes heroic efforts of Peshawar's tiny Christian community to serve in their hospitals and clinics, schools and workshops some of the two million Afghan refugees in their diocese, then to me the matter of the upkeep of the cemetery becomes a secondary one.

The link between the Church of England and the Church of Pakistan is conducted mainly through the mission societies and is, supposedly, a partnership.

In recent years the Pakistani partners, for their part, have contributed richly to this partnership. For example their assistance in the liturgical explorations with other churches, notably the Roman Catholics; the progress they have made in dialogue with Islam, which is probably being studied by those struggling with the same questions in Western cities; the new flowering of a religious tradition in music and poetry, pointing new ways to the revival so sorely needed in faded Western churches; the lesson of their experience as an impoverished and sometimes scorned minority, a predicament increasingly familiar to Christians in this country.

As our Western missionary zeal sinks to a whimper of soft options, the Pakistani Church has taken over some of the hard work, sending missionaries to dangerous or depressing places like the Gulf states and inner-city Britain. (The Rev Daniel Singh, who died in June, was an outstanding missionary in London).

The British partners, for our part, seem to have little to offer but money and we are increasingly reluctant to part with it. Between 1970 and 1982 giving to all the overseas churches through mission agencies of the Church of England dropped steadily to a mere 4.3 per cent of parish income.

Mr Waller asks whether it is morally right for the British to have walked away

College free speech

From Mrs Maureen Johnson Sir, I was concerned to read in The Times (report, November 19, earlier editions) that students at University College, Cardiff, have been issued by the students' union and the college authorities with guidelines on how to heckle political speakers.

These guidelines permit heckling and chanting to take place if racist or sexist comments are made from the platform.

It seems that in this country are being muzzled by fear that any comment we might make will be misinterpreted by people who are anxious to prove that they are on the side of the angels but who have not got the intellectual equipment to argue their point of view in democratic debate.

Patent protection

From Sir Graham Wilkins Sir, Over the last year Government ministers at various venues have stressed the importance of investment in research and development to the wellbeing of the British economy and have berated industry for inadequate allocation of resources in this direction.

It must therefore be a disappointment to industry that does invest heavily in research and development to find that inadequate protection is afforded to that investment in this country. This is of concern to many industries, particularly the pharmaceutical one.

Earlier this year the Government gave the pharmaceutical industry an undertaking to revoke the licence of right provision of the 1977 Patent Act. This provision is unique to the UK and unfairly undermines the already scanty protection given to patents on medicines.

It had been hoped that provision would be incorporated in an intellectual property Bill. Unfortunately no such Bill was envisaged in the Queen's Speech and I do hope that the Government has identified some other vehicle for this overdue legislation.

Not only is research and development in medicine important for the wellbeing of the British economy; it is essential for the wellbeing of the nation's health, more so now than ever. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM WILKINS, Alcedo, Walton Lane, Shepperton-on-Thames, Middlesex.

My own lifetime has seen various leaders rejected because they tried to introduce reform. Mr Terence O'Neill was doomed when he shook the hand of Mr Sean Lemass in an effort at reconciliation. Sunningdale, which proposed "power sharing", was a necessary for any true democracy, was nullified out of existence. Mr Prior's "assembly" never got off the ground. Now the assent is on the Anglo-Irish Hillsborough agreement. And Mr Stewart has the audacity to say, Give us back our democracy.

He depicts Mrs Thatcher as a tyrant striding across history,

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 26 1952 The first-night notice of The Mousetrap was a resounding success. The play, which is still running in Fleet Street's general reaction; superlatives were rare in the reception given to it which is billed as the world's longest running play. Since it opened 34 actors have taken parts in the eight-strong cast, and there have been 88 leading ladies. The cast is now changed annually, the last change taking place at the beginning of this week. This evening's performance will be the 14,151st.

CAST LIST Written from (Theatre) Mollie Rabson — Sheila Sim Giles Ralston — John Paul Christopher Wren — Allan McClelland Mrs Boyle — Mignon O'Doherty Major Metcalf — Julie Dewar Miss Caswell — Jessica Spencer Mr Paravictini — Martin Miller Det. Sgt. Trotter — Richard Attenborough Producer: Peter Cotes

AMBASSADORS THEATRE

"THE MOUSETRAP"

By AGATHA CHRISTIE

A woman has been strangled in Paddington and at Monkwell Manor, which is normally within easy reach of London, the spectral presence of Hercule Poirot seems to supervise the examination of half a dozen snowbound paying guests by a very young policeman who arrives on a train. It is all for their own good — and that, too, is in the Poirot tradition — since one other person, or perhaps two other people, will probably meet the same unpleasant end.

The Poirot tradition is, in fact, part of Mrs Christie's elaborately skilful scheme to keep us guessing or even to make us waver the matter aside as already guessed. As usual, we swallow the bait. No sooner have we made the mental note that Poirot might advantageously be substituted for the detective on a train, have half a cubic or so added to his height, and let himself be impersonated by, say, Mr Austin Trevor, than the author shows excellent reason why her detective should be instead within Mr Richard Attenborough's range. No sooner have we, following the precepts of our old friend Poirot, peered back into the past — for this is what is known, rather grandly, as a revenge tragedy — and found in the victim a nubile couple for the child victims of long ago, than the ingenious pattern shifts, and we are back where we started.

So much, it could be supposed, the printed tale could do. Yet the piece admirably fulfils the special requirements of the theatre. There are only two acts, the first of exposition and preparation, the second of action and conjecture. The people are nicely assorted, and each is individually labelled and readily identified — the manly young woman, the effeminate young man, the dubious military man, the maiden lady who perpetually fancies she is being imposed on, the elderly foreigner with the painted face whom Mr Martin Miller named half devil, half jack-in-the-box, and of course the young couple who own and run the place. These provide the colour, the mystification, the suspects, and the screams, and Miss Jessica Spencer, Mr Allan McClelland, Mr Aubrey Dexter, and Miss Mignon O'Doherty, as the first of the characters mentioned above, and Miss Sheila Sim and Mr John Paul, as the last two, all fit the play as snugly as pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. There remain the alarming silences, which are perhaps the true test of such a piece on the stage. That we feel them to be alarming can only be thanks to the producer, Mr Peter Cotes.

Racing handicaps

From Mr G. N. D. Lockett Sir, I really do see the point in sending racehorses to stud as soon as they have won a group race — an act which invariably puts three or four noughts on their value.

John Hislop (November 11) is quite right in arguing that in top-class races, the winning of which determines breeding prospects, abnormal nutrients should not be permitted. The usual purpose of these is to overcome some inherent defect.

But John Hislop did not go far enough in arguing a case for breeding from the best and toughest animals. I suggest that the rules governing all three-year-old group one races should be changed so that winners of all such races are kept in training as four-year-olds, unless a veterinary certificate is produced saying they are unsound. The racing public would get the benefit of seeing good horses more often and breeders would have greater scope for thoroughly assessing the relative merits of horses before they are sent to stud. Yours faithfully, G. N. D. LOCKETT, Greengates, Whittsey, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Cold comfort?

From the Reverend Andrew Beer Sir, A parson in a hacking jacket! In the words of Lady Bracknell, "the idea is grotesque and irrelevant".

Anyway, it's surely only because lots of people spend lots of money on lots of clothes that the Reverend Edward Underhill (November 22) is able to display himself in his Oxian finery, to the envy of all in Tyne and Wear. Yours faithfully, ANDREW BEER, St. Pancras, Irelands Lane, Lewes, East Sussex.

TINKER, AUTHOR, SALESMAN, SPY

The revelation that Mr Peter Wright received half of the royalties for *Their Trade Is Treachery*, the book upon which he collaborated with Mr Chapman Pincher, has further confused an already tangled affair. Mr Wright claims that it is evidence of a Government plot to smear his name. It certainly reveals him as a man driven by financial gain as well as by other motives he may have.

Its initial impact, however, was more unfavourable to the Government's case than to Mr Wright's. First appearances were that Lord Rothschild, presumably acting in some official interest if not capacity, had arranged for Mr Wright to be brought over to Britain and offered a substantial sum for his cooperation in writing a book about events in British intelligence during his period of service there.

The implication was clear and extremely damaging. It is that far from protecting the confidentiality of state intelligence services, which is the principle the Government claims to be upholding in the Australian courts, Ministers on this earlier occasion had procured its wholesale abandonment under the insubstantial cloak of Mr Wright's anonymity.

Questions are certainly raised by this curious episode which, until Lord Rothschild offers his own account, will be subject to conflicting interpretations. In whose interest was Lord Rothschild acting and with what purpose? On behalf of a faction in one of the intelligence agencies? Or on behalf of "the Government", however defined? No one at present knows the answers to these questions.

TEACHERS OF QUALITY

There is still a strongly held view in some parts of the teaching profession that to attempt to assess quality in education is a waste of time. Which reports are all very well for washing machines, so the argument goes, but education is a more complicated matter altogether.

Of course, it is perfectly true that good teaching is easier to recognise than to define. But the dilemma now facing the Education Secretary, Mr Kenneth Baker, over teachers' pay is essentially about quality. A higher level of teachers' pay is appropriate — that is agreed. Nor is there now much dispute about the quantity. The agreement worked out at the Arbitration and Conciliation Service between the majority of teacher unions and the local authority employers could cost about £70 million more over the next two years than the £600 million proposed by the Government, but in relation to the total size of the package the gap is not wide.

What remains at issue is the improvement in the quality of teaching which it can be expected to achieve. A steep change in pay levels such as

the teaching unions propose can only be contemplated if it delivers an improvement in the productivity of teachers.

That is why Mr Baker really has no choice tomorrow when he meets the leader of the local authority employers, Mr John Pearson, other than to stick to his guns in demanding a radical restructuring of teachers' pay scales. The choice is between an ACAS deal, which gives most to those on the lower grades and actually compresses differentials, and the Baker proposals which would improve the prospects of middle grade teachers.

Admittedly, both sets of proposals offer a reasonably attractive starting salary, around the average for good honours graduates. But whereas the ACAS deal gives most to those who do least well, extending the rewards for grade one and two teachers, the Government wants to introduce incentive posts for good teachers, and for those teachers in subjects where there is a shortage in grades three, four, and above. They have the further merit of keeping good teachers in the classroom rather than forcing

man driven entirely by the need to expose both a traitor and a cover-up. It now transpires that he was in need of money in order to keep his farm from bankruptcy and that he sought to obtain it at the cost of breaking his duty of confidentiality.

To conclude from this that Mr Wright acted from corrupt financial motives would be to go too far. He gives every appearance of being obsessed by the Hollis affair and of wishing to continue in public the battle he lost at the secret trials. Nonetheless, doubt has at least been cast upon the purity of his motives and by extension upon the justice of his case.

What is more important is that the introduction of financial gain into this affair has greatly increased the importance of the principle that the Government is defending. When the duty of confidentiality was threatened solely by a former intelligence officer with an obsession about a possible "mole", it was threatened by a rare and exceptional hazard. It was then possible to make some sort of case that silence was the most prudent response to publication.

Good, however, is a much more common human failing than obsessionalism. If intelligence officers are able with impunity to sell to publishers the secrets they obtained during their service, some will be tempted by the large rewards to do so. The avalanche of secrets that would then ensue — and the knowledge that all current secrets might be exposed after the next retirement — would make it impossible to run an intelligence service at all. That is the magnitude of what is at stake in Australia.

THEIR TRADE IS TREACHERY

From Mr Peter Wright Sir, I am writing to you in regard to your book *Their Trade is Treachery*, which you claim to be a true account of my life as a spy. I am sorry to hear that you have received half of the royalties for this book. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that I have not received any royalties for my book *Their Trade is Treachery*.

With two out of the six teacher unions not prepared to sign the ACAS deal, Mr Baker can afford to hold out for something closer to his own objectives. Although parents fervently want an end to disruption in schools, they also want to see the Government insisting that the quality of education should be improved if its cost is to increase.







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Courtauld Institute Galleries The Samuel Courtauld collection of impressionist and post-impressionist paintings is being toured to major museums in the United States from January 14, 1987 to April 3, 1988...

Bakers' Company The following have been elected officers of the Bakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Roy B. Tappin...

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Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund There will be a concert on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 pm in Westminster Abbey, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Richard Dimbleby's death...

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# Sinking inquiry a step nearer

By Richard Evans and Michael McCarthy

The long-demanded inquiry into the loss with all hands of the bulk freighter Derbyshire six years ago became a possibility last night as efforts continued to salvage her sister ship Kowloon Bridge, aground and breaking up off the Irish coast.

The junior Transport Minister, Mr Michael Spicer, said that inspectors investigating the wreck of the Kowloon Bridge would consider "any link with the loss of the Derbyshire" which might be cause for appointing a formal investigation.

A Dutch salvage tug tried without success yesterday to shift the 159,000-ton Hong Kong-registered ore carrier.

The Government came under intense all-party pressure in the Commons last night to hold an inquiry into the Derbyshire sinking, with Labour and Conservative MPs highlighting the similarities between the two incidents, and that of another sister ship, the Tyne Bridge, which suffered severe structural damage in the North Sea in 1982.

The Derbyshire disappeared without trace and with the loss of all 44 people on board in a storm off Japan in 1980. She was one of a series of six identical oil, bulk and ore carriers built by Swan Hunter's Haverton Hill shipyard on Teeside (since closed) between 1971 and 1976.

No explanation has ever been given for her disappearance, but when the Tyne Bridge was damaged in 1982, the other four ships in the series, including the Kowloon Bridge, were found to have cracks and weaknesses at bulkhead 65 and longitudinal girders misaligned after the bulkhead. They were repaired.

The other ships in the series are the Ocean Sovereign (formerly the Furness Bridge), the Kona (formerly the Sir John Hunter), the Sir Alexander Glen and the East Bridge (formerly the Tyne Bridge).

Inquiries by *The Times* this week disclosed that the Ocean Sovereign is on her way to Taiwan, the Kona is unloading oil in Sarcho, Sardinia, the Sir Alexander Glen is in Singapore undergoing maintenance, after taking oil from the Gulf to Korea, and the East Bridge is on her way from Singapore to China.

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# India greets 'crusader for peace'

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, arrived in the capital of his closest non-communist ally, India, yesterday to a welcome which was warmer than any within recent memory. He came to sign a new trade agreement and to talk about weapons supply, and in return received wholehearted backing for his stand at Reykjavik.

Several hundred thousand people — one estimate put it as high as half a million — lined the streets of Delhi to watch his 100-car motorcade pass on its way from the airport to the presidential palace where he is staying. They had been driven in by bus and lorry from the country villages of the nearby states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, and the majority knew only that they had come to see "a great leader."

The entire school population of Delhi had been given the day off, and the great processional routes around the palace were lined with young people wearing their peacock bright uniforms.

In fact they did not see much of him as the darkly glazed windows of his specially-imported bullet-proof Russian limousine were kept firmly closed.

Archives of marigolds and jasmine spanned the road decked with banners declaring that Indo-Soviet friendship would last for ever. Two marigold covered model elephants greeted the Russian leader outside the airport, and a presidential guard of honour trumpeted his arrival at the palace.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, in his welcome speech described the Soviet Union as "a tried and trusted friend in our hours of need," and hailed Mr Gorbachev personally as "a crusader for peace."

Later at a banquet held in the Lutyens-designed former palace of the Nizam of Hyderabad, Mr Gandhi made no bones about where he stood on Reykjavik. "It was unfortunate," he said, "that the Strategic Defence Initiative blocked agreement."

Mr Gandhi added: "We realistically oppose the militarization of outer space. It does not matter that SDI is described as defensive. Security is not enhanced but dangerously jeopardized by creating yet another deadly and extremely sophisticated weapon. The logic of a shield in space is deeply flawed."

Speaking after he and Mr Gorbachev had spent more than three hours in a tête-à-tête that one aide described as



Indian children welcoming Mr and Mrs Gorbachov in New Delhi yesterday.

"a fairly long and marathon session" he also referred to Mr Gorbachev's initiative towards an Asian and Pacific security pact, but without granting it any more than a general welcome calling his Vladivostok speech "thought-provoking" but emphasizing "Greater exchange of ideas at all levels is needed to work out a basis for cooperation."

Mr Gorbachev for his part declared that "Soviet-Indian relations and contacts are in need of still greater dynamism," but stressed that their relations "do not seek to counter or challenge genuine and legitimate interests of other countries."

In his banquet speech he recognized that Mr Gandhi's praise for Soviet initiatives was appreciated, adding: "We know that this is more than just an expression of courtesy. The Soviet leader referred to development co-operation between the two countries declaring: 'Today we have continued this work and agreed on important things.'"

While the two leaders were meeting privately, their aides met in the Indian Cabinet room to agree a joint statement, an agreement on economic and technical co-operation, a proposal to bring a Soviet cultural festival to

India in return for a festival of India in Moscow, and a new consular agreement.

Meanwhile, Mrs Raisa Gorbachov was taken to see some Indian art and culture at the Modern Art Museum — where she admired the work of the Indian woman artist Amrita Sherghil, and the drawing of the Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore.

# Chelsea bomb link to Action Directe

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links attacks at strategic points around the barracks including the main gate and residential areas.

As it was the unit seems to have panicked. All three bombs were dumped together in two bags near the sergeants' mess and accommodation for WRACs. Before the devices could explode the bags hidden in leaves were spotted by passers by.

Yesterday Mr Justice Jones ordered that the two men had already discovered prints which led them to McLaughlin.

He was at home in London-donkey unaware of his blunder when the RUC arrived to arrest him. As officers rushed in he hid behind a wardrobe.

Questioned by police his four-year old son loyally said he had no idea where his father was, but McLaughlin's youngest son, little more than a year old, pointed to the wardrobe.

There were more bomb threats to follow. In the area round the address used by the unit, Talbot Walk on the Church End estate, neighbours reported seeing a white Ford camper whose presence coincided with the planting of the bombs and the presence of the INLA. Police began searching North London and found the abandoned vehicle.

# Testing the black waters of China

Letter from Peking

Shanghai citizens hold their breath when crossing bridges over the smogging black waters of the Suzhou River, a noxious example of China's acute river pollution problems.

Pinpointed by some environmental experts as the filthiest stretch of flowing water in the world, the minor tributary is a dump for one million cubic metres of industrial waste a day.

In the same week that a chemicals plant disaster contaminated the Rhine from Switzerland to the North Sea, China said it would step up the fight against water pollution.

# Industrial growth left unchecked

The country is helplessly tackling the damage inflicted by decades of unmonitored industrial growth, plus new hazards from the thousands of small factories that have sprung up as a result of economic reforms in the 1980s.

The Suzhou River's giant neighbour, the Yangtze, will become "totally polluted" by the year 2000 unless steps are taken to control the 16 million tonnes of liquid waste which pour into it daily, according to the official Chinese press.

Government statistics show that around 13 per cent of the length of the main streams of the country's main rivers are affected. The problem is often worse in minor rivers.

In north-east China, where much of the country's heavy industry is based, the Government has claimed success in curbing the discharge of mercury and other pollutants into the main Songhua River.

But the cost of making the Songhua clean enough for fish was equivalent to some \$55 million (£38.5 million) and scores of factories had to be closed or relocated to meet the goal.

The fast-flowing Yellow River, China's second largest, suffers less from industrial pollution than from the highest levels of silt in the world.

The results of centuries of deforestation and soil erosion in its upper reaches were worsened by the orders of the former Chinese leader, Mao Tse-tung, to clear uncultivated land for grain production.

# Radioactive waste dumped in well

The pollution killed crops and caused "hideous diseases", the New China news agency reported, without giving details.

In another case publicized this year, 25 tonnes of radioactive waste from a laboratory was dumped in a village well, and threatened to contaminate reservoirs near Peking.

An investigation led to the dismissal of the deputy director of the Environmental Protection Bureau, who had let his brother do the dumping.

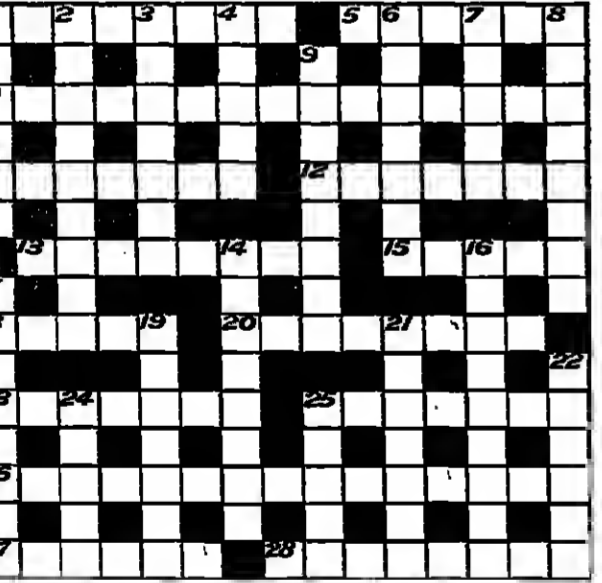
Andy Roche of Reuters

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

**Royal engagements**  
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give an evening reception for members of the Diplomatic Corps, Buckingham Palace, 9.30.  
The Duke of Edinburgh, presents the 1986 Royal Society of Arts' presidential awards for design management, and attends a conference on the Management of New Ideas at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam St, 9.40; later he gives the London Lecture to the Innes London Branches of the British Institute of Management and attends a lunch at Hudson's Bay House, Upper Thames St, 12.20; and then presents the awards for the Young Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species Competition, Buckingham Palace, 3; and attends a meeting of the Trustees of the Westminster Abbey Trust, Buckingham Palace, 5.30.

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,213



**ACROSS**  
1 As pretty, perhaps, as a picture (8)  
5 Carpenter who produced mechanical work (6)  
10 Obstruction in the red channel could result in suicide (7,8)  
11 Constant's money guaranteed for holiday (7)  
12 God helps us, we cry (7)  
13 Mercy seat? (8)  
14 After end of surgery, organ acquires new ache (5)  
15 It tells the time for waiters (5)  
16 Secluded setting for the Spanish soliloquy by Browning (8)  
17 Fastry, extremely short and coarse, got left (7)  
18 Sergeant, say, taking mail round the troops is out of his mind (3,6,6)  
19 Pass several times round the course between the same points (6)  
20 A small dish of blood? (8)

**DOWN**  
1 Perhaps neck with this affectionate love? (6)  
2 Girl getting up in a sulky — not much hope for her! (9)  
3 Cystical cup lies shattered (7)

### New books — hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:  
*A History of Sicily*, by M.L. Finkel, D. Mack Smith, C.J.H. Duggan (Clarendon & Windus, £14.95)  
*After The Second Flood. Essays in Modern German Literature*, by Michael Hamburger (Carcanet, £16.95)  
*Maps of the Bible Lands, Images of Terra Sancta through Two Millennia*, Kenneth Nebenzahl (Times Books, £20)  
*Realism in Alexandrian Poetry. A Literature and Its Audience*, by G. Zanker (Croom Helm, £29.95)  
*The Complete Alice & The Hunting of the Snark*, by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Ralph Steadman (Cape, £19)  
*The People's Anger, Justice and Revenge in Post-Liberation France*, by Herbert R. Lottman (Hutchinson, £12.95)  
*The Royal Court Theatre 1966-1972*, by Philip Roberts (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £18.95) PH

### The pound

	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	2.05	2.14
Canada \$	2.04	2.14
Denmark kr	11.19	10.88
France F	6.55	6.15
Germany DM	2.56	2.78
Italy L	1.36	1.32
Hong Kong \$	11.28	10.85
India Rupee	1.02	1.02
Japan Yen	244.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	1.27	1.26
Portugal Esc	228.00	207.00
Spain Ptas	167.25	162.25
Sweden Kr	19.25	17.70
Switzerland Fr	2.00	1.95
USA \$	1.45	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	650.00	700.00

### Anniversaries

**Births:** William Cowper, poet, Great Berkhampstead, Herts, 1731; George Forster, explorer, Nassenhuben, Poland, 1754; John Alexander Newlands, chemist, London, 1837; Sir Robert, 1st Baron of Halsbury, 1832; Constantine Papanicolaou, Greek biologist, Budapest, 1857.  
**Deaths:** Nicolaus Steno, geologist, Schwin, Germany, 1686; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface bearing his name, Moffat, Dumfriesshire, 1836; Constantine Papanicolaou, Greek biologist, Budapest, 1962.  
**Old porcelain as New:** by Hugh Morley-Fletcher, Room MBL, Buckingham University, 7.30.  
**Aspects of Portuguese Culture:** contemporary fiction in Portugal, by Dr. J.S. Rebelo; John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton, 7.30.  
**The Earth Belongs Unto The Lord:** Highland Crofters of the 1880s; Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow, 7.30.  
**A visitor to China,** by Dr. C.J. Bradish, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, 7.

### Parliament today

**Commons (2.30):** Debates on Opposition motions on bus deregulation and on the dispute at J.E. Hanger & Co Ltd.  
**Lords (2.30):** Debates on the arts and on the state of academic medicine.

### WEATHER

A westerly airstream will cover the British Isles but fronts will approach NW areas. S Wales and England, N Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland will have some sunny intervals and showers. The showers will be heavy at times particularly in the W. More persistent rain may reach W Scotland and Northern Ireland later. Winds will be mainly moderate or fresh W. Temperatures near normal. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly dry in the SE, occasional rain and drizzle in the N and W. Mild and windy in the N. Near normal temperatures in the S.

### HIGH TIDES

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.54	5.5	8.57	6.8
Abbeville	7.54	5.5	8.57	6.8
Bournemouth	8.02	6.4	9.05	7.9
Cardiff	8.04	6.7	9.18	8.1
Exeter	8.04	6.7	9.18	8.1
London	12.47	8.8	12.03	4.6

### Roads

**The Midlands M1:** Lane closures near junction 28 (A38 Mansfield). M5: Contraflow cleared from junctions 4 and 5 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich). M54: Lane restrictions between junctions 2 and 7.  
**West of London:** M4: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon / Chippenham). M5: Lane closures on northbound carriageway between junctions 20 and 19 (Cleeve/A360 Royal Portbury Dock). A38: Lane closures between Saltash and Carmarvon Cross, Devon.  
**The North:** M18: Lane closures and contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (Rotherham / A1 M) and junctions 6 and 7 (Thorne/M62). M61: Lane closures at Blacow Bridge (M6 junction) in both directions. M6: Contraflow between junctions 19 (A6 Chorley) and 32 (M55).  
**Scotland:** M9: Two contraflows between Halbeath and Crossford and between Cairney Bridge and Albury, Central region. A96: One lane only on the Aberdeen to Inverurie road in both directions W of Aberdeen airport. Inverness: Resurfacing on Kenneth Street roundabout. Information supplied by AA.

### Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 7.30 am.

### Portfolio Gold

Portfolio — how to play the gold market. A weekly publication which provides the latest news and analysis on the gold market. It includes a weekly portfolio table, a weekly dividend table, and a weekly outlook for the gold market. It is available for £1.95 per copy, plus postage. Contact: Portfolio Gold, 100, The Strand, London WC2R 0AL.

### Best wines

In a blind tasting in which 27 wine retailers submitted wines to accompany a traditional Christmas dinner, the following were the top selections when the short-listed wines were tried with the food:  
**To accompany smoked salmon:** Mark West Vineyard, Sussex; River Valley Chardonnay 1980, Les Aulx du Vin (01-688 020), £7.25.  
**To accompany roast turkey and trimmings:** Robert Mondavi 1981 Pinot Noir, Redwood, Los Angeles, CA, and Robert Mondavi 1981 Pinot Noir, Redwood, Los Angeles, CA, £7.95.  
**To accompany Christmas pudding:** 20 year old Black & White Scotch Whisky, H. Allen Smith (01-637 0387), £3.25.  
**Source:** *Times* Dec 1/Jan.

### AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun	Mon	Tue
Scarborough	1.0	1.0	1.0
London	1.0	1.0	1.0
Cardiff	1.0	1.0	1.0
Birmingham	1.0	1.0	1.0
Manchester	1.0	1.0	1.0
Edinburgh	1.0	1.0	1.0
Glasgow	1.0	1.0	1.0
Belfast	1.0	1.0	1.0

### LONDON

	Sun	Mon	Tue
London	1.0	1.0	1.0
Cardiff	1.0	1.0	1.0
Birmingham	1.0	1.0	1.0
Manchester	1.0	1.0	1.0
Edinburgh	1.0	1.0	1.0
Glasgow	1.0	1.0	1.0
Belfast	1.0	1.0	1.0

### ABROAD

	C	F	C	F
Algeria	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Argentina	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Australia	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Canada	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
France	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Germany	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Italy	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Japan	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
USA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0



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Executive Editor  
Kenneth Fleet

**STOCK MARKET**

FT 30 Share  
1270.4 (-12.2)

FT-SE 100  
1619.3 (-17.2)

Bargains  
25600 (27732)

ISM (Datastream)  
129.45 (-0.26)

**THE POUND**

US Dollar  
1.9225 (+0.0050)

W/German mark  
2.8358 (-0.0247)

Trade-weighted  
67.9 (-0.3)

### Thousands rush for Gas forms

N M Rothschild, the merchant bank adviser to the Government on the British Gas share sale, said "tens of thousands" of completed forms were received yesterday and 30,000 mini-prospectuses given out at its London headquarters in Bristol, the National Westminster Bank received more than 15,000 completed priority forms in the first post. On the "grey" market, British Gas traded yesterday at about 61p.

National Westminster Bank will offer a selling service for British Gas shareholders at 245 branches in England, Scotland and Wales, selected to reach the majority of the population and not at all its branches as reported in *The Times* yesterday.

### BTR attacks Pilkington

Industrial conglomerate BTR last night accused the management of Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, Pilkington, of "ten years of sub-standard performance and inconsistent results".

BTR, bidding £1.16 billion for Pilkington, said that £1,000 invested in BTR in September 1976 had increased by £34,054 while the same amount invested in Pilkington would have risen by only £2,018.

### Profits up

Powell Duffryn, the fuel distribution, shipping, engineering and construction materials group, yesterday reported a 27 per cent increase in pretax profits to £10.04 million for the half year to the end of September 1986. Turnover fell from £355.86 million to £299.86 million. An interim dividend of 4.75p was declared.

*Times*, page 25

### EMAP ahead

EMAP, the newspaper, magazine and exhibition group, said it does not intend to launch a hostile bid for Home Counties Newspapers. The group, which made pretax profits of £5.6 million in the half year to October 4, this week increased its stake in Home Counties to 20 per cent.

*Times*, page 25

### Allied up 21%

Impressive figures at Allied-Lyons yesterday fulfilled City expectations. The brewing division's buoyant results and lower financing charges allowed pretax profits to jump 21 per cent to £148 million for the half year to September 13.

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### MONEY MARKETS

**STOCK MARKETS**

New York  
Dow Jones 1898.34 (-7.73)  
Nikkei Dow 17747.50 (+98.27)  
Hang Seng 2361.12 (+17.53)  
Australian 281.10 (+1.17)  
Sydney AO 1350.9 (+13.3)

Frankfurt  
Commerzbank 2065.5 (+18.9)  
Borsezeitung 480 (-7.0)

General  
Paris CAC 3982.39 (+13.01)  
Paris CAC 3982.39 (+13.01)  
Zurich S&K Gen 559.20 (same)  
London FT A 1270.4 (-12.2)  
FT. GBs 61.11 (-0.21)

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### INTEREST RATES

London Bank Rate 11%  
3-month interbank 11.75-11.75%  
3-month eligible bills 10.25-10.25%  
buying rate  
US Prime Rate 7 3/4%  
Federal Funds 5 3/4%  
3-month Treasury Bills 5.37-5.37%  
30-year bonds 104-101 1/2

### CURRENCIES

London	New York
£ \$1.9225	£ £1.4520
£ DM2.8559	£ DM1.8280
£ Sfr2.3507	£ Sfr1.9585
£ FF6.2818	£ FF6.5280
£ Yen231.28	£ Yen182.45
£ Lira10.125	£ Lira10.125
£ \$2.73187	£ \$2.944754

## Invisibles change reverses deficit

# Britain back in the black

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain had a trade deficit of £835 million last month, as imports rose to their highest level since March last year. But the current account was in surplus by £65 million because of a big upward revision of the estimated monthly surplus on invisible trade.

The trade deficit of £835 million compared with £885 million in September and £1.51 billion in August. Exports and imports both rose last month, partly because of an increase in the value of trade in oil.

The main feature of the figures, however, was a sharp upward revision in the estimated surplus on invisibles - services, transfers and interest, profit and dividends.

Officials now estimate this surplus to be running at £900 million a month. Last month, the estimate was £600 million a month. The monthly invisibles surplus for the July-September period has been increased to £800 million.

As a result, the current account was in surplus by £65 million last month, while on the previous invisibles' estimate it would have been in deficit by more than £200 million. In September there was a deficit of £85 million.

The quarterly current account deficit for the July-September period has been reduced from £1.23 billion to £634 million as a result of the changes.

Officials said yesterday that no detailed expansion could be offered for the revision of the estimated invisibles surplus. Mr Rubin Cook, Labour's Trade spokesman, has tabled Parliamentary questions challenging the timing of the revision of the figures.

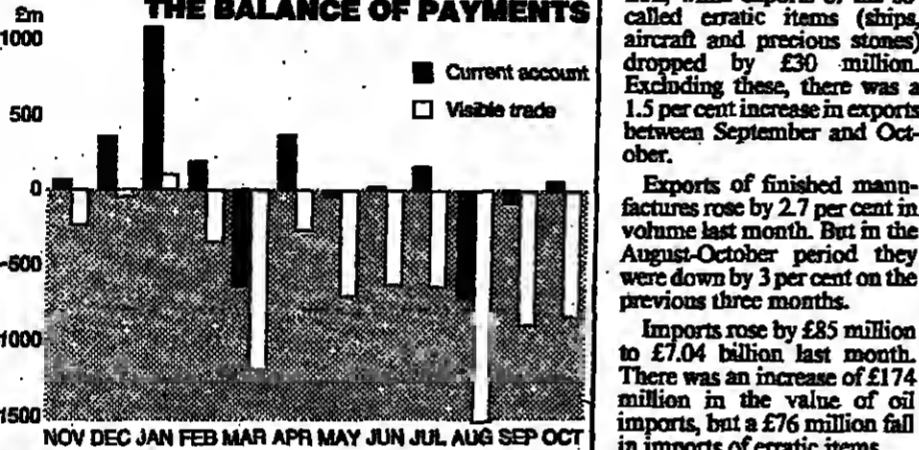
"The Government has been saved by a whisker from a deficit on the balance of payments for the third month in succession only by pulling out of the hat a larger surplus on invisibles," Mr Cook said. He added that the underlying trade position remained very poor.

The cumulative current account surplus this year, on the basis of the new invisibles' estimates, is £429 million. In the autumn statement earlier this month, the Treasury forecast a broad balance on current account this year, followed by a £1.5 billion deficit next year.

Exports were valued at £6.20 billion, an increase of £134 million on September. Oil exports rose by £91 million, while exports of the so-called erratic items (ships, aircraft and precious stones) dropped by £30 million. Excluding these, there was a 1.5 per cent increase in exports between September and October.

Exports of finished manufactures rose by 2.7 per cent in volume last month. But in the August-October period they were down by 3 per cent on the previous three months.

Imports rose by £85 million to £7.04 billion last month. There was an increase of £174 million in the value of oil imports, but a £76 million fall in imports of erratic items.



Mr Bruce Matthews: 'Age contribution'

## Mr Bruce Matthews to retire

Mr Bruce Matthews, who has been a director of News International plc since 1972, and managing director since 1983, will retire at the end of this year, the company announced last night.

News International chairman Mr Rupert Murdoch said that over the years Bruce Matthews had been one of the most outstanding executives in Fleet Street.

"He has made a huge contribution to the industry and, more particularly, to the success of our company's newspapers."

"I am pleased that he has agreed to stay on the boards of The News Corporation Ltd and Eric Smeeth Ltd."

"All Bruce's colleagues wish him well for the future."

Mr Murdoch will resume the position of managing director of News International, and Mr William O'Neill becomes managing director of London Post (Printers) Ltd, in charge of the company's national newspapers.

## IC Gas board hits out at 'inadequate' £750m bid

By John Bell, City Editor

The board of IC Gas, the group best known for its calor gas interests, yesterday accused the Barclay brothers of trying to buy the company on the cheap. David and Frederick, the Barclay twins, have offered £750 million through their much smaller US-based energy group Gulf Resources.

In a hard-hitting defence document, the board says the Barclay terms, 530p a share, value the calor operations at only 9 times historic earnings. IC Gas shares, which have remained well above the level of Gulf's offer closed last night at 566p.

The defence document contains no profit forecast, though it is clear that one has been prepared for possible use.

IC Gas has attacked the Gulf proposals as being inadequate in both form and content. "To make the offer, Gulf is having to borrow up to £670 million and two-thirds of these borrowings must be repaid within nine months. Gulf hopes to achieve this in part through the disposal of the Belgian operations," says IC Gas.

It points out that the need for rapid asset disposals and the resulting tax liability together with the costs of the offer must limit the amount Gulf can offer for IC Gas shares.

The document gives independent valuations for the non-calor parts of the business putting £472 million on the company's Belgian interests and £60 million on the North Sea operations. "Gulf's offer implies a value for calor of only £218 million representing a multiple of only nine times earnings for the year to March 31, 1986. Why give calor away?" asks the document.

The document also rejects the idea that IC Gas has performed badly over the past few years.

## Reed joins satellite TV consortium

By Our City Staff

Reed International, the paper and publishing group's parent, and publishing group's parent, is joining the Direct Broadcasting Limited consortium, one of the leading applicants for the satellite broadcasting franchise soon to be awarded by the Government.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is expected to interview the five main contenders for the franchise this week and announce the winner on December 3.

The other corporate shareholders in the DBL consortium are British & Commonwealth Shipping, Cambridge Electronics, Electronic Rentals, Ferranti, News International and Sears.

## CBI hails 'significant' drop Pay deals down to 5 1/2%

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday reported a drop in pay settlements to the lowest level for three years.

The CBI's pay databank shows average increases provisionally dropping from 64 per cent in the first half of this year to 5 1/2 per cent in the third quarter.

The CBI hailed the drop as "significant" and said it would please the Government, which is worried that continued high earning levels might further erode Britain's competitiveness and increase unemployment.

The CBI believes a brighter picture is emerging on Britain's labour costs, although it was cautious about improvements in international competitiveness.

"The rapid rise in industrial output in the third quarter has resulted in a 2.7 per cent rise in output per head in manufacturing," said Sir Peter Walters, the president of the Institute of Directors and chairman of British Petroleum, said at an IOI dinner last night. "The general situation is improving and Britain is now much more competitive with her European partners. But we are still not fully competitive with the United States, Japan and the newly industrialized countries. Europe has still not got its act together."

The CBI believes the cost of living is continuing to decline in importance as an upward pressure on pay settlements. Companies' inability to increase prices also remains the most strongly felt downward pressure.

The lower level of settlements has yet to have an impact on Department of Employment returns, which this month showed the underlying trend in September's average earnings at 7.5 per cent, where they have stayed since the middle of 1984.

## UK managers closing the gap

Although British managers still lag behind in the European pay league, the gap is slowly closing, according to Hay Management Consultants' latest annual survey of European remuneration.

The improvement looks possible because British salary increases in real terms are slightly higher than in most European countries, says the survey.

"British managers will continue to be among the lowest paid in Europe but as companies face increasing international competition the gap will gradually erode," it forecasts.

Of 16 European countries, Britain's gross salaries are higher only than those in Greece and Portugal, according to the survey. Taken on purchasing power, Britain lags behind all but Greece, Portugal and the Irish Republic; the British executive has only half the spending power of his Swiss counterpart.

Austria ranks highest on salaries, followed by West Germany and Switzerland - all are ahead of the United States. But on the basis of purchasing power, the US comes first, with Switzerland second.

In real terms, the average British employee is 15 per cent better off than in 1983, says the survey.

"Hay European Remuneration Comparison: £800 from Hay Management Consultants, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0AU.

## Bank sets underwriting ceiling

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England has imposed its first-ever limit on banks' total underwriting exposure to coincide with the enormous British Gas share flotation. The underwriting process for the £5.6 billion share issue was completed last Friday.

So far, there have been few questions governing the underwriting commitments undertaken by banks. At this stage the limit will apply specifically to banks, which fall under the Bank of England's supervisory control, and will not include stockbrokers and securities houses in the City.

Some bankers are worried that this will put them at a disadvantage to other institutions and could cause complex supervisory problems when foreign banks and securities houses are involved.

Before the underwriting of British Gas was completed, the Bank of England contacted banks involved and asked them not to let their total underwriting exposure go higher than four times their underlying capital.

Banks were asked to contact the Bank of England if they planned to take on very large underwriting exposures to British Gas.

The limit of four times capital for underwriting business has been under discussion for several months but until now the Bank has not required any institution to adhere to it.

The underwriting commitments of institutions such as merchant banks commonly go much higher than this limit and the Bank has made no attempt to prevent this.

Although the Bank has informally imposed the limit of four times capital to coincide with the British Gas flotation, the limit is expected to apply to all bank underwriting for the time being.

The Bank yesterday declined to comment.



Pleasure, not business: mechanical engineer Richard Thorne, of Northwich, Cheshire, pictured yesterday after winning the use of Concorde for a day, the first prize from 160,000 entries in the British Airways Concorde Challenge

## Cambrian to comb records on Boesky

By Lawrence Lever

Cambrian and General Securities, the investment trust formerly run by Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrator, is to call in accountants to investigate whether Mr Boesky channelled illegal insider deals through Cambrian.

A spokesman for S G Warburg, the merchant bank called in on Friday to advise the Cambrian board, said yesterday: "We have to have a very detailed investigation. We will need a firm of accountants to crawl through all the records."

### \$300m suit likely 28

The spokesman said the investigation would extend beyond those shares which the SEC had already publicly highlighted as illegally dealt in by Mr Boesky to include shares mentioned in connection with Mr Dennis Levine.

In May Mr Levine confessed to having made more than \$12 million (£8.45 million) profits from insider trading.

The spokesman said: "Basically we have to identify all those stocks which have been mentioned as sensitive in connection with Mr Boesky and Mr Levine."

"There is no doubt in my mind that a very thorough investigation has got to be done into these trades. Our investigations have been very preliminary."

The preliminary investigations carried out by Cambrian so far have involved cross-checking Cambrian's trading records against specific dates published by the Securities and Exchange Commission for Mr Boesky's illegal trades.

## Profits ahead

Coated Electrodes International, which came to the USM in June, has increased its interim pretax profits by 25 per cent to £653,000.

## Barclays' shares fall after S African pullout

There was continuing speculation in the City yesterday about whether other British companies would follow the example of Barclays Bank in withdrawing from any domestic commitment to South Africa.

After the surge in its share price on Monday following the announcement that it was selling its stake in Barclays National, Barclays' shares fell back 10p to 477p. Shares of several other companies with interests in South Africa also declined. Pilkington dropped 3p to 608p, RTZ was also down 3p at 667p and Reckitt & Coleman dropped 5p to 799p. Consolidated Goldfields, however, which has the largest exposure to South Africa, was up 14p to 674p.

### SOUTH AFRICAN STAKES

Company	% of pre-tax profits earned from South Africa
Consolidated Goldfields	50
NEI	26
Delta	23
Lonrho	20
Pilkington	14
Standard & Chartered	14
Tootal	13
Mercery	10
Babcock	9
Metal Box	9
Courtaulds	8
Reckitt & Colman	8
Telephone Rentals	8
RTZ	7
BOC	7
Hill Samuel	5
Smith & Nephew	5

Shares in Standard Chartered, which now has the largest South African exposure of any British bank, leapt 27p yesterday to 834p.

Sir Leslie Smith, chairman of the British Industry Committee on South Africa, which represents two thirds of British investment in the country, said: "Companies should use their influence within South Africa to improve the system, rather than withdrawing altogether."

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# High street key to Alphameric

By Cliff Feltham

Alphameric, the electronic keyboards company which has benefited from business generated by Big Bang, believes there is a growing demand for its equipment in the high street.

It is taking orders for installing terminals in building societies, motor car showrooms and travel agents.

Mr Dougal Craig-Wood, the chairman, who yesterday reported a sharp jump in Alphameric's half-time profits, said: "Retailers of all kinds, from financial services to food and white goods, can see the benefit of being able to use our equipment to accurately monitor stock control and at the same time provide on-the-spot information for customers."

Among the company's clients are the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, which is using the equipment to provide marketing information, and Nabisco, the food group, which is providing its salesmen with terminals to use at home.

Other customers include the Stock Exchange, with more than 5,000 Topic systems installed. Alphameric has also won large orders for the City's big dealing rooms.

At the half-way stage of the year, pretax profits were up from £512,000 to £1.7 million, on turnover of £9.8 million, against £5 million.

# Readicut acquires Drake for £11m

By John Bell, City Editor

Readicut International, the fast-growing textiles to carpets group, is moving deeper into fibre manufacture with the £11.25 million purchase of Drake.

The proposed acquisition will complement Readicut's fibres producer, Plasticisers, and it will not lead to any dilution of Readicut's earnings per share, the company says.

The acquisition is to be financed by the issue of 27.4 million Readicut shares - 21 per cent of the group's enlarged capital. Drake is a 65 per cent owned subsidiary of F Drake and Co, which is owned by the Haigh family.

The balance is held by Drake directors and the estate of a former director, Mr J

Hoyle, who owned 10 per cent. Readicut is paying £1.25 million cash for the Hoyle holding.

Drake made profits of £2.33 million on sales of £14.48 million in the year to August 31. Net assets were £3.28 million, including £1.3 million in cash.

Almost 21 million of the new Readicut shares have been conditionally placed with institutional investors at 40p a share by Schroder, the merchant bank. Existing Readicut holders will have the right to purchase new shares at 40p up to a limit of 10 new shares for every 49 held.

The acquisition is subject to shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general meeting on December 12.

# Foreign investment in UK remains buoyant

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Foreign investment in Britain has remained buoyant so far this year but the average size of projects has fallen.

The Invest in Britain Bureau said yesterday that in the first nine months of this year there were 725 investment decisions by overseas companies, an 11 per cent increase. These projects will create 10,620 new jobs and safeguard 7047.

The US remained the biggest investor and accounted for 131 of the projects.

Until three months ago, 1986 did not look as if it would be a very good year for inward investment, but a number of decisions over the summer months should mean this is the fourth successive year of record investment. Last year the IBB recorded 305 projects valued at about £3 billion.

# Trump card in the Burton suit

Sir Ralph Halpern, foremost of a nation of shopkeepers, has turned round the Burton Group and become the first British executive to be paid more than £1 million a year



Working out, pumping iron, running and an unqualified sense of purpose in life give Sir Ralph Halpern a springy, faintly vulpine air. He looks his age - 48 - but in a way that suggests he will never look any older. He collects Rolex watches and wears a mighty gold signet ring and cufflinks flamboyantly engraved with his initials. He wants to transform the destiny of postwar Britain. Last week, he announced that Burton Group made almost £150 million pretax profit in the year to August 31, results that took his pay package over £1 million, making him Britain's highest-paid director.

Halpern is the most startling of the new breed of high street shopkeepers: startling because he has spent almost his entire career working his way up through the management structure of a single company, emerging as its boss just in time to stop the whole operation going bust. Burton, with its attached snooker halls and cheap suits for the working man, had nowhere to go in the Sixties and Seventies.

Montague Burton's combination of hundreds of outlets selling the products of the biggest menswear manufacturing operation in the world made some sense until the early 1960s. Austerity had made people grateful to be able to buy respectable clothes at a reasonable price. But with the advent of greater prosperity, style took over from value for money. Marketing became the key skill and vast manufacturing plants crippled the company's ability to react to market changes.

By 1978, when Halpern moved into the head office, Burton had failed to find a solution. In 1977 losses had reached £13 million and only major surgery offered hope. The one bright spot was Top Shop, the old dinosaur's noble bid for the youth market. And Top Shop belonged to Halpern.

Born to an Austrian family, he is the son of a successful entrepreneur in pre-war Vienna. The family came to England as prospects for Jews in a Nazi Austria deteriorated, and

Ralph was born in 1938. He left school at 18 to join the Lewis's store group, becoming a trainee at Selfridges.

"I got very involved with the shop and the whole social scene. But I realized pretty quickly that it would take years for me to make any kind of impact in a company that size."

He looked for a smaller company with "clearer perspectives" but made a rare and spectacular mistake. He joined the Peter Robinson group without realizing it was owned by Burton. That was exactly 25 years ago.

Top Shop had begun as an addition inside Peter Robinson shops and was reasonably successful. Halpern identified it as the only genuinely market-led part of the operation.

He turned Top Shop into a separate high street store, beginning in Croydon in 1970, where one woman picked her way through the rubbish to buy a dress. The shop was not actually open, but Halpern took her money and gave her change from his own pocket. One of her pound notes is now framed in his

office. The new Top Shop made a million in its first year.

During the gallant Burton failures to shrug off its unhappy legacy in the 1970s, he rose and in 1978 he made the top. The headlines slowly changed, from stories about redundancies, retrenchments and roads to recovery, Burton became a stock market darling.

Luck played a part. Halpern arrived at the depths of the cycle of decline and at a time when the high street was wide open for changes. But he hates the suggestion that chance played any part in the Burton turnaround.

"There were no accidents that led to the success of our company or myself," he insists. "All the way through things have been wrong with the economic environment in which we operated - high taxation, high cost inflation - we had to be extremely efficient just to survive."

Planning and what he calls "de-risking" are at the heart of Halpern's strategy. The progress of Burton since 1978 has centred on a series of clear decisions about targets. Every year a new five-year plan is evolved,

centred on the principle that earnings per share must increase steadily. Gaps in this progress are identified and plugged by defining market sectors where the group is either absent or under-represented.

First, Halpern said the group's speciality was retailing, not manufacturing. Then he created sectors - young, slightly older, sportswear and so on. Within these, he tightly identified the roles of buyers. They were made to justify their choice, not for the ties or the socks in the whole Burton Group but solely for those in Top Man or new shops like Principles, which is targeted at a higher age group. Computer systems monitored the performance of every line, restocking shops weekly and adjusting the levels of each line the moment patterns of demand changed.

Halpern was de-risking for all he was worth, conscious that he was vulnerable at every level to the riskiest area of all - that of popular taste. But he constantly pursued caution, anticipating every disaster.

That way all the risk was concentrated in the initial decision - in taking on Top Shop, then Burton's, then acquiring Dorothy Perkins, creating Top Man, Principles and, last year, most spectacularly of all, taking over Debenhams for £560 million in a classic battle.

"I was as petrified as I was in 1978. I was in exactly the same situation as I was then. My career was at risk and so was the wealth of all our shareholders. But you can't be 100 per cent cautious 100 per cent of the time - that way you go down the drain."

Debenhams took the group's sales area from 2.5 million square feet to 7.5 million. The tactics of the takeover revealed Halpern as somewhat over-aggressive in City terms. But, just over a year down the line, with the help of some disposals and an ingenious property refinancing deal, it looks as though the de-risking procedure has worked.

And that, finally, is what it is all

about. The head offices are flawlessly restored and random playfulness is hard to find - even the toy boat on Halpern's mantelpiece has a rigorous logic. It was presented to him by staff during the Debenhams battle on the basis that all the other bidders seemed to have yachts so they felt he should too.

Similarly he guards the privacy of his personal life. He has a house near the office and another in Surrey, a wife, Joan, who is a JP and an 18-year-old daughter, Jenny, but that is about as far as he will go.

If he was American, he says, he would not feel the need to explain himself. But here suspicion of wealth and capitalism is so entrenched he feels obliged to adopt a public role to proselytize on behalf of entrepreneurs and wealth creation. He has extended his belief in incentives throughout the group, including - and he makes no bones about this - to himself. With bonuses, Burton paid him £542,000 last year.

"I'm totally practical," he announces in response to a philosophical inquiry. "I believe in God and I believe in right and wrong and I believe what I am doing is right for me and right for the people who work for me." It is a homespun, uncomplicated statement from an overwhelming, narcissistic and slightly claustrophobic man; his philosophy, unshowered by self-doubt or introspection, could well have come from the lips of a Reagan or a Thatcher.

Certainly he is at one with his staff in the basement gym, where a computer calculates the relative fitness of all the employees. Halpern describes himself as the fittest man on the board; City analysts, not to mention shareholders, will doubtless reflect today that the description applies in more ways than one.

Bryan Appleyard  
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## COMPANY NEWS

● **UNILOCK HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend (1p) for the six months to September 27. Figures in £000. Turnover 10,733 (9,345), trading profit on ordinary activities before tax 902 (801), tax 315 (328), earnings per share 3.46p (3.01p). The move of the company's corporate head office to Haywards Heath is now complete. Sound progress has been made during this half year and the chairman anticipates another year of solid growth.

● **PROPERTY PARTNERSHIPS:** Figures in £000s for the six months to September 30. Interim 3p (2.5p). Gross rental income from investment properties was £32 (46). Pretax profit was 715 (593). Tax was 250 (237). Earnings per share were 3.7p (6.7p).

● **FACER SYSTEMS:** An agreement has been signed for the acquisition of Signal Processing Systems of Massachusetts, for \$340,000 (£386,000). The unaudited management accounts for the year to October 3 show turnover of \$917,000 and a pre-tax loss of \$37,618.

● **PERSONAL ASSETS TRUST:** Figures for 6 months to October 31 in £000. Total income was 132 (94), revenue before tax 64 (38), tax 19 (21), earnings per share 0.30p (0.11p). Net income for the first 6 months should not be taken as an indication of the full year's results. The company values its unquoted portfolio on a conservative basis. Shares 41½p up.

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● **CLUFF OIL HOLDINGS:** The company's subsidiary Cluff Mineral Exploration (Mafubev) has made a second gold discovery at Bindura. The new deposit, which is to be known as Freda, lies adjacent to the previously reported Rebecca discovery and exploration indicates a resource of about 51,000oz of gold. The re-evaluation of the Rebecca discovery has increased the size of this resource, which is calculated to contain about 242,000oz. The total gold contained in both Freda and Rebecca is estimated to be 293,000oz. Recent drilling at Rebecca below 150 metres provides significant potential for underground mining.

● **LISTER:** The company is to pay an interim dividend on January 23 of 0.5p (nil) for the half year to September 27. With figures in £000: turnover 23,774 (20,062), profit before tax 1,254 (607), tax 249 (65), minorities 2 (2), extraordinary credit 398 (nil), earnings per share 6.03p (2.3p). The board reports good progress in all divisions and indications for the next six months are encouraging and point to a healthy profit for the full year.

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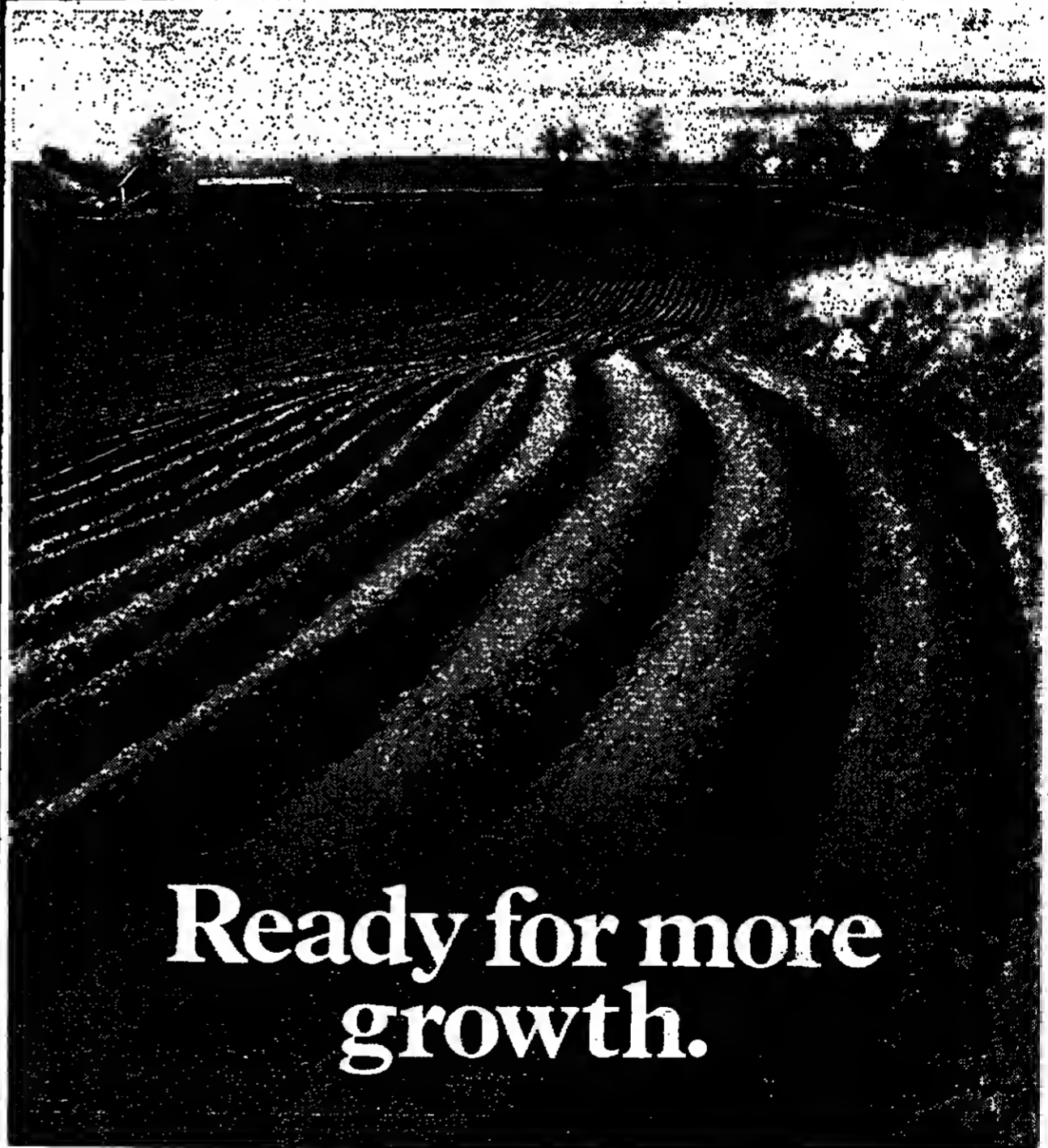
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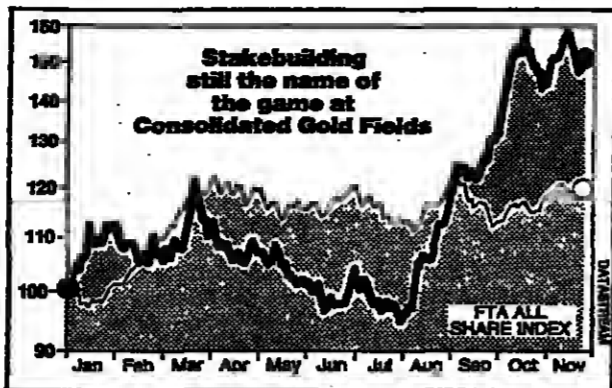
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By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

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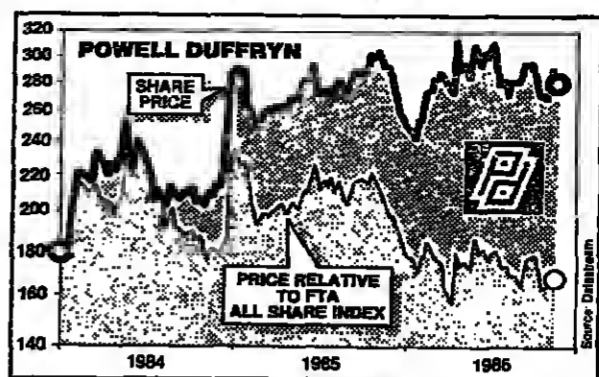
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Allied finds a successful brew

The disappearance of the Elders LXL takeover threat has turned the City's attention to Allied-Lyons' business fundamentals.



Otherwise, an estimate of £27 million (24.1p) for this year rising to £29.5 million (27p) for 1987-88, the shares are supported by the average yield alone.

EMAP

EMAP's publishing vehicle is firing on all four cylinders after clearing out extraneous matter such as the news-agency chain.

In the first half, EMAP produced a 32 per cent rise in pretax profits on turnover which increased only slightly because of disposals.

An emphasis on creative thinking in-house has produced carefully-targeted successes such as Smash Hits and Just 17 for teenagers.

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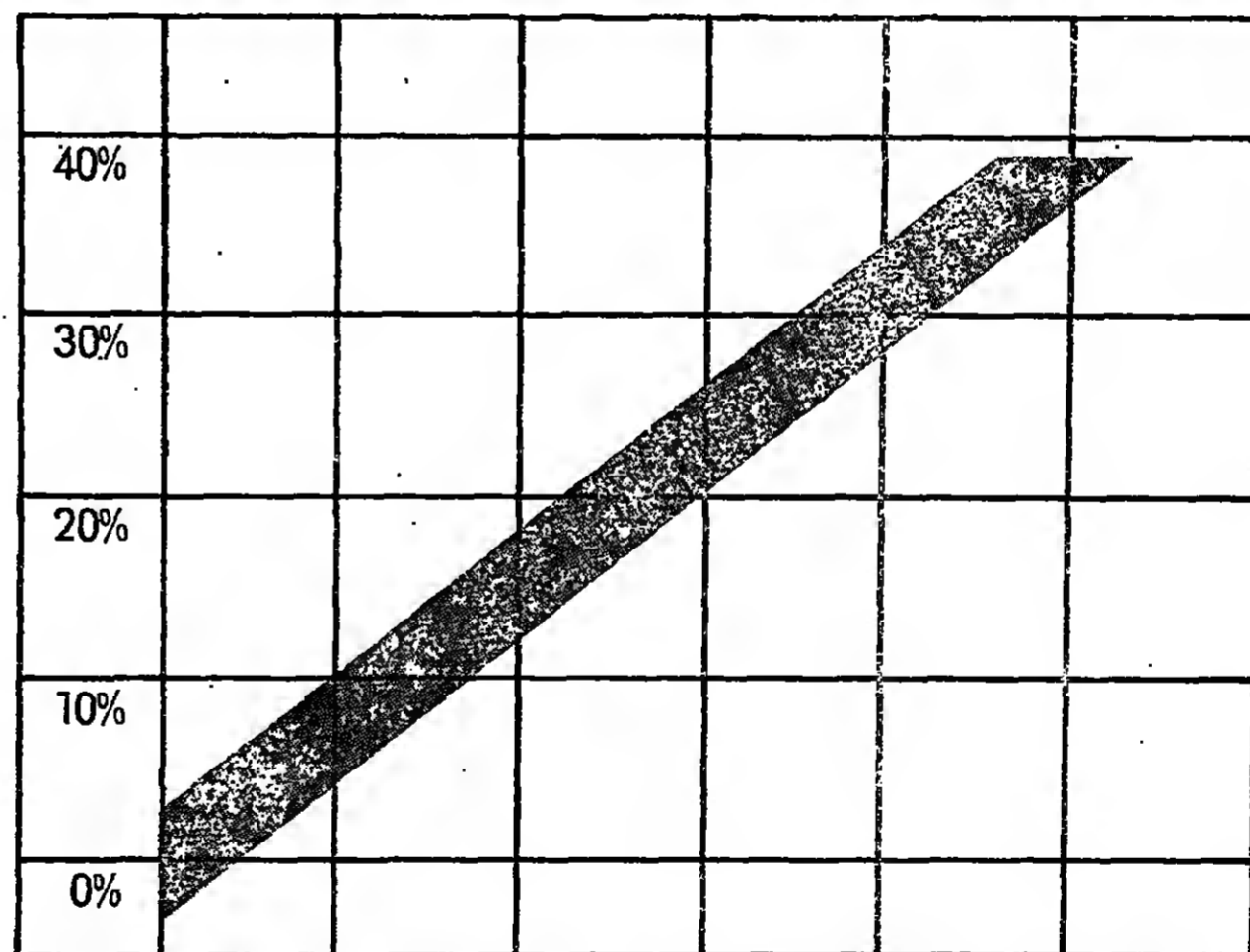
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### Brazilians head for new coffee crisis

Alfonas, Brazil, (Reuter) - Abnormally dry weather in the coffee-growing regions of Brazil has increased fears of a second disastrous harvest.

Growers in the southern state of Minas Gerais, where some of the country's finest coffees are grown, said trees were starting to show signs of the drought conditions.

Although trees had shown some recovery after the 1985 drought, the fresh bout of dry weather and the intense heat, was beginning to cause fruit buds to yellow and fall.

"Every day without rain means a further drop in the crop," a buyer for a big exporting company to the region said.

Rainfall so far this year is between 14 and 16 inches below normal.

A seven-month drought in 1985 devastated the country's harvest. Brazil produced only 11.2 million bags of 132 pounds in 1985 - one-third of the 30 million bags produced in 1984.

The 1985 drought also damaged Brazil's chances of whitening away its large foreign borrowing and prompted the country to buy about 600,000 bags, or 36,000 tonnes, of coffee in London to September.

Confusion about whether Brazil, the world's largest coffee grower and exporter, would ship the tonnage home or resell it in London has seen world coffee prices tumble.

At present, coffee is selling for about \$1.50 a pound, compared with more than \$2 earlier in the year and about \$1.80 in September.

Analysts had said the original reason for buying 600,000 bags of coffee in London may have been to satisfy avid domestic coffee-drinkers and free better grades for export.

But the government, which was re-elected recently, may have delayed shipping during the politically sensitive election period because it did not want to be seen importing one of the country's most important earners.

Traders in Europe said yesterday that Brazil was likely to start importing the coffee bought in Europe soon.

## Boesky likely to be sued for \$300 million damages

From Bailey Morris Washington

FMC Corporation has become the first of an expected wave of large corporations to indicate that it may sue Mr Ivan F Boesky for damages, estimated at more than \$300 million (£214 million), in response to the insider-trading case.

Company officials confirmed yesterday they were considering a suit although Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, announced a sweeping review of US insider-trading laws to be conducted by the White House Cabinet Council on economic policy.

The council will scrutinize closely not only insider-trading laws but regulations governing takeovers and the scope of authority exercised by the US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and other agencies.

Mr Baker said he hoped to avert a "stampede or rush to judgment" until completion



Ivan Boesky: said to have made profits of \$200 million of the cabinet investigation and the present investigations by US Congressional officials.

Ms Mary McCue, an SEC spokeswoman, said: "We dispute the Journal story. The estimate is not borne out by the facts and is way too high."

Wall Street officials estimated that during the past week, the arbitrage community had made losses calculated at \$1 billion because of a sharp drop in the value of takeover-related shares.

Analysts said the abrupt halt to Revlon Group's \$4.12 billion hostile bid for Gillette Company, through a \$558 million buy-back agreement, dampened further the market for takeover shares.

"In the post-Boesky atmosphere, takeovers are under intense pressure," a top official of First Boston Corporation said.

Officials said Revlon would not have abandoned the takeover offer if it had not been relying on Drexel Burnham Lambert to raise funds for the hostile bid.

The decision fuelled reports that Wall Street's arbitrageurs had suffered their worst losses in the history of the business. Speculation grew that Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith had been particularly hard hit, losing up to \$60 million. But Mr James Flynn, a company spokesman, said the estimates were too high. He said Merrill Lynch had "suffered losses in the past 10 days like everyone else" but added that the losses were less than \$20 million.

FMC Corporation was named by the SEC as one of the targets of Mr Boesky's insider-trading scheme. It said he bought shares based on information supplied by an investment banker charged in an earlier insider-trading investigation.

The trading caused FMC's shares to jump in price, costing the company a reported \$360 million before it announced a \$2 billion capital restructuring plan.

#### COMPANY NEWS

● **CENTURY OILS GROUP:** A dividend of 1.6p (1.5p) will be paid for the half year to September 30 on January 30. With figures to £000: turnover 45,580 (44,371), raw materials and operating costs 42,173 (41,054), other income 70 (56), interest payable and similar charges 933 (865), profit before tax 2,544 (2,508), tax 857 (1,080), minority interests 57 (51) earnings per share 6.64p (5.61p).

● **LEIGH INTERESTS:** For the half year to September 30 an interim dividend of 1.4p (1.3p) is to be paid on January 15. With figures to £000: sales 20,234 (19,342), pretax profit 855 (720), tax 299 (288), earnings per share 3.1p (3.0p).

● **CHASE CORPORATION:** The company is to pay an interim dividend of four cents per share on March 20 for the half year to September 30. With figures to \$000: profit 40,979 (17,563), after paying tax of 17,137 (7,334). The profit includes an equity share of associated companies profits after tax of 11,426 (702).

● **ICI:** The boards of ICI and Scottish Agricultural Industries (SAI) have reached agreement on the terms for the acquisition of SAI, beyond the 5,746,687 ordinary shares ICI owns already.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Savage Group: Mr Don Wightman becomes group marketing director.

Anglian Water Authority: Mr Andrew Semple is made managing director.

United Guarantee (Holdings): Mr Richard Greenwood joins the board.

British Linen Fund Managers: Mr James Miller becomes chairman.

Rossmore Warwick: Sir Alan Veale is made chairman. Godfrey Davis Rent-A-Unit: Mr Derek Harwell becomes managing director.

Wimpy Construction UK: Mr David Horner is made marketing director.

Moore Stephens: Mr Terry Newman becomes a partner.

Manufacturers Hanover Trust: Mr Gordon Resmoldson is made vice-president.

Commercial Union Trust Managers: Mrs Sue Coomber becomes a director.

Valin Pollen International: Mr Tom Marjono becomes group international director.

Ge/Rosen Organisation: Mr Paul Rooke joins the board.

Sealink British Ferries: Mr Christopher Garnett is made a

#### APPOINTMENTS

director of the European sector and joins the Hoverspeed board.

Megasat: Mr Brian North has become a non-executive director.

Lattice Logic: Mr David Stappos becomes chairman. Racial-BCC: Mr J A D Timms is deputy chairman and Mr David Poole managing director. Racial-BCC and Racial Carleton.

Bloomsbury Publishing: Mr Nigel Batt becomes finance director.



Christopher Garnett

## No injunction against strike for third party

Barrett & Baird (Wholesale Ltd and Others v Institution of Professional Civil Servants and Others

Before Mr Justice Henry (Judgment November 17)

Although an employee who went on strike in furtherance of a trade dispute with his employer might be liable in tort to a third party injured by his breach of contract, injunctive relief to prevent a union calling him out on strike would not be granted on that ground in the absence of any intention to injure the third party.

Mr Justice Henry so stated in the Queen's Bench Division, sitting in Birmingham, refusing an application by the nine plaintiffs, members of the Association of British Absorbent Towel Manufacturers, to prevent the plaintiffs in the meat trade, to continue *ex parte* injunctions granted by telephone by Mr Justice Jupp on October 26, 1986, to restrain the defendants, the Institution of Professional Civil Servants and their negotiating secretary, Mr Joseph Duckworth, from interfering with the business of the plaintiffs by taking or inducing strike action.

Mr P. A. Goulding for the plaintiffs, Mrs S. C. Rubin for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE HENRY said that the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) had been set up under the Agriculture Act 1967 to help maintain guaranteed prices for livestock.

After Britain joined the European Community in 1973, the MLC also performed the delegated functions of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Products (IBAP) which had been created to administer subsidies under the common agricultural policy.

The MLC employed 630 staff stock officers, based at private-sector abattoirs all over the country, who carried out the certification procedures necessary to obtain subsidies and export meat.

The officers were highly trained, skilled and experienced. In pursuit of their claim for better pay, their union, the IPCS, called a one-day lightning strike.

The plaintiffs then applied for an injunction to prevent further threatened strikes.

By calling the 630 stock officers, the union were clearly inducing the prevention of the due performance by the plaintiffs of their various contracts with producers, retailers and exporters.

But that tortious action was protected by section 13(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 and section 10 of the Trade Union Act 1984, because it was common ground that the strikes would be in contemplation or furtherance of the trade dispute which the

stock officers had with their employers, the MLC.

Since it was primary industrial action, the complicated provisions of section 17 of the Employment Act 1980, outlawing secondary action, had no application.

The plaintiffs, who were not concerned in the pay dispute, had brought the proceedings simply to restore order to their business and prevent further withdrawal of labour by the stock officers.

The legal problem confronting the plaintiffs was to find a cause of action which had not been rendered immune by section 13(1) of the 1974 Act, which read "An act done by a person in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute shall not be actionable in tort on the ground only..." and then set out the specific torts in relation to which protection was given.

The use of the word "only", limiting the immunity to the torts listed, had inspired complete and their advisers to develop so-called economic torts to which the immunity would not apply.

The plaintiffs founded their claim on three such torts:

1. Interference with the plaintiffs' trade, business or employment contracts by unlawful means, namely (a) the inducement or procurement of a breach by the IBAP or MLC of their statutory duty under the Agriculture Act 1967 and the European Communities Act 1972, and (b) the actual breach by a stock officer of his contract of employment with the MLC.
2. Interference with the plaintiffs' contracts by the same unlawful means.
3. Inducement of breach of the same statutory duties as a tort on its own.

Dealing with 1 and 2 together, the threatened strikes would undoubtedly interfere with the plaintiffs' business, but were the means unlawful?

The statutory duty under (a) was to provide a proper system for the inspection and certification of live and dressed stock. It was in performance of that duty that the MLC had trained and appointed the 630 stock officers.

It was eminently arguable that that duty was owed to the plaintiffs. But it was difficult to see how the MLC could be under a duty to provide the plaintiffs with a strike-free system and there was nothing to that effect in the legislation.

Moreover, there was no evidence to suggest that the proposed industrial action would bring the certification system to a grinding halt. On the evidence as it stood, there was therefore no arguable case under (a) based on breach of statutory duty.

The point taken under (b) had excited academic speculation but had not apparently been before the courts. If correct, its

effect would be that any employee could not obey his union's strike call without leaving himself personally open to a claim in tort by a third party whose business happened to be affected by the strike.

It meant that while union officials were covered by statutory immunity for the giving of strike instructions, those who obeyed those instructions, or faced the possibility of losing their union cards if they refused, might still be personally liable in tort.

Misses strikes interfered with the business not just of the company which employed them but also of others not involved in the dispute. It was clear that strike action by the stock officers would interfere with the plaintiffs' (1) trade or business, or (2) contracts.

The Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 declared by section 13(3) "that the avoidance of doubt" that a striker's breach of his own service contract should not be regarded as an unlawful means of furthering a dispute, but section 17(8) of the Employment Act 1980 provided that section 13(3) "shall cease to have effect".

In the circumstances, there was clearly an arguable case sufficient for interlocutory purposes, that a striker's breach of his contract of employment might be unlawful means in the present case.

But to make an individual striker liable in tort to a third party damaged by the strike, it had to be shown that the striker's predominant purpose was injury to the plaintiff and not the furtherance of his own self-interest.

Although the union had referred with apparent satisfaction to the major disruption caused by the first one-day strike, it seemed to the plaintiff and not the furtherance of his own self-interest.

The first stock officers were based at various abattoirs nationwide and there was no evidence, let alone predominant, desire to injure any of the plaintiffs at whose premises they worked.

In any event, by virtue of section 16 of the 1974 Act, the court was precluded from granting any injunction to prevent a breach of a contract of employment or compel an employee to attend work.

It followed that the injunction would not be made. The plaintiff's case under tort 3 also failed in the light of his Lordship's finding that there was no arguable case under means (a) of breach of statutory duty.

Solicitors: W. Douglas Clark, Brookers & Co, West Broadwick, Gaster.

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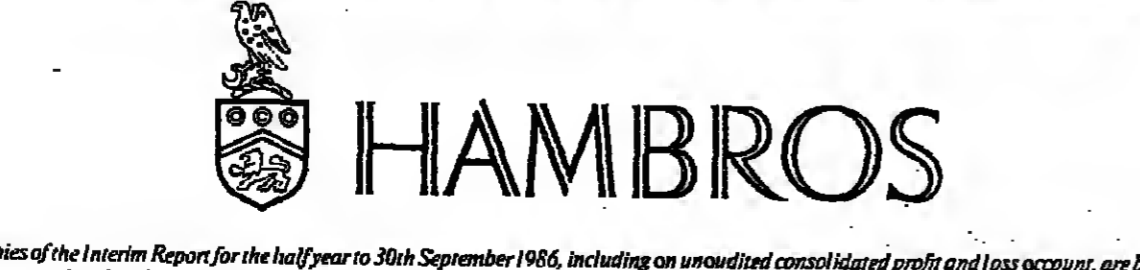
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## Sentencing during parole

Regina v McKinnon (William Harold)

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Owen

[Reasons November 20]

A person who had been released on licence under section 60(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, and sentenced to imprisonment in respect of another offence during the currency of the parole licence, was not entitled, under section 62(10), to be granted parole, should the sentencing court revoke that licence within one year of the revocation in respect of any sentence imposed on him.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held when giving reasons for its order on October 24 that the revocation of the appellant's parole licence by Judge Anwyl-Davies, QC, on April 30, 1986, at Southwark Crown Court, be quashed. The appellant had pleaded guilty to the offence for which he was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. The parole licence related to a sentence imposed in September 1985.

Mr Chester Beys, assigned by the registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that between May 1984 and January 1985 the appellant committed the offence

to which he was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment on April 30, 1986.

On September 4, 1985 he received a sentence of 22 months' imprisonment for offences committed in December 1984, and was released on licence on March 4, 1986 (which licence would have expired on August 9, 1986).

The appellant was not in breach of his parole licence when it was revoked, and the revocation was made by virtue of section 62(7) of the 1967 Act which made it clear that a court might revoke a parole licence where a conviction, as opposed to an offence, took place during the period of parole.

It would no doubt in many cases rightly be felt to be illogical that a person should be "released on licence" in respect of one offence and at the same time be in prison in respect of another.

What was sometimes overlooked was the consequence of such revocation as provided in section 62(10) of the 1967 Act. There were two possible interpretations of the words in that subsection.

The wider construction would prevent the appellant from being granted parole within one year of the revocation in respect of any sentence imposed on him.

The narrower construction would mean that the person whose licence had been revoked could not for the period of one year be paroled again in respect

of the offence for which he was sentenced and paroled, but might be paroled in respect of any other sentence which had been imposed on him.

The court considered the subsection should be interpreted literally and in the clear and easily understandable broader meaning; that the embargo on any further parole during the period was not confined to the sentence in respect of which the revoked parole licence had been imposed.

If that was likely to result in injustice, the answer was for the court not to exercise the optional power of revocation when an offender was convicted and sentenced to a second term of imprisonment, despite the apparent illogicality.

In the present case, the appellant had committed no offence while on parole, he had complied with parole conditions and it was unjust to leave the revocation standing, since the effect would be to make him ineligible for release on parole during the currency of his second term of imprisonment.

Although circumstances similar to the present case were likely to be rare, the sentencing court in deciding whether to revoke a parole licence would have two questions to decide: first, what would be the consequences of revocation in the light of section 62(10)? Second, were those consequences justified?

Solicitor: Crown Prosecution Service, Southwark

## Exchange of medical reports

Graham v Watt-Smyrk and Another

Bryant v Ealing Health Authority

Foster v Meriton and Sutton Health Authority

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The High Court had a discretion under Order 38, rule 38 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to order the disclosure and exchange of expert evidence in actions for personal injuries where the pleadings contained allegations of medical negligence; the express exclusion of such actions from the scope of the similar discretion conferred by Order 38, rule 37, which was headed "Expert evidence in actions for personal injuries" was not to be construed as implicitly excluding such actions from the scope of rule 38, which was headed "Expert evidence in other actions".

Mr Justice Tudor Evans so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 24, when giving judgment in open court in six appeals heard in chambers from orders of masters on applications under Order 38, rule 36 for directions as to the exchange of expert evidence.

## Truth-drug evidence is inadmissible in court

Fennell v Jerome Property Maintenance Ltd

Before Mr Justice Tucker (Judgment November 21)

As a matter of principle, evidence produced by the administration of a mechanically or chemically or hypnotically induced test on a witness so as to show the veracity or otherwise of that witness was not admissible in an English court of law.

Mr Justice Tucker so held in the Queen's Bench Division during the course of an interlocutory application by counsel for the plaintiff for the admission of evidence relating to truth drug tests.

Mr Richard Slove for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Davies for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that what was proposed was the questioning of a witness, a distinguished consultant, as to whether he had conducted certain tests on the plaintiff by the administering of some chemical to him which thereby disposed of his conscious will to seek to deceive.

It was not the first time that such evidence had been available to parties to litigation; it had occurred not only in civil but also in criminal cases, but never had it been admitted in evidence in an English court.

His Lordship felt that there

was something inherently wrong in admitting such evidence and he would reject it. Such evidence would vitiate the functions of a trial judge (His Lordship was not concerned with questions of usurping the functions of trial judges).

His Lordship justified the thought that such evidence, whether chemically or hypnotically induced, should seek to show the veracity or otherwise of any witness.

Furthermore, to admit such evidence, even if it was favourable to the plaintiff, would have the plain result of introducing previous consistent statements; the law had always stood out against such statements being given in evidence.

For those reasons, the effect of such evidence, were it to be admitted, would be a distortion of the normal process of trial; see *Cross on Evidence*, 6th edition (1985) p269.

Even without the reference to *Cross*, His Lordship's own view was against the admissibility of such evidence. The ruling was confined strictly to one of principle, and did not extend to the reliability or unreliability of such evidence.

Solicitors: Somers & Co, West Ealing, Blount Peers & Co.

Calls to the Bar are on page 18



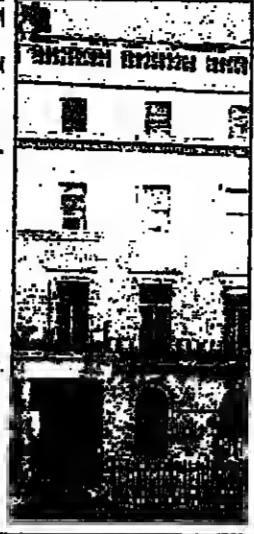
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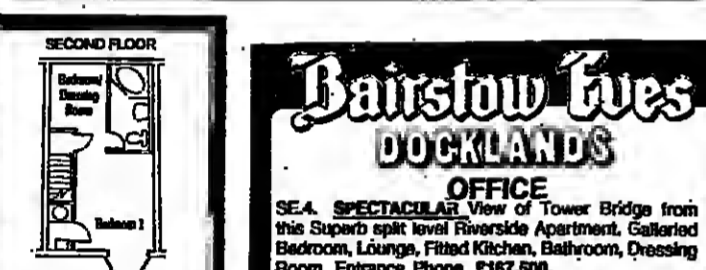
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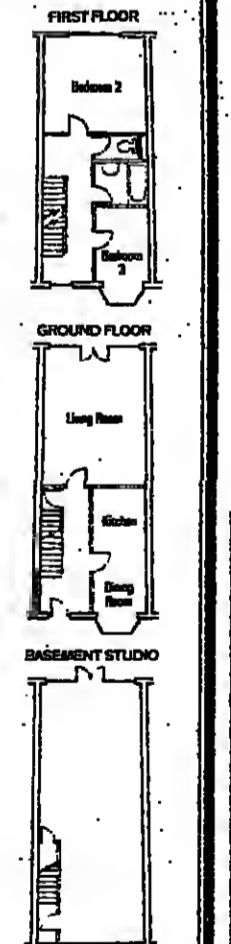
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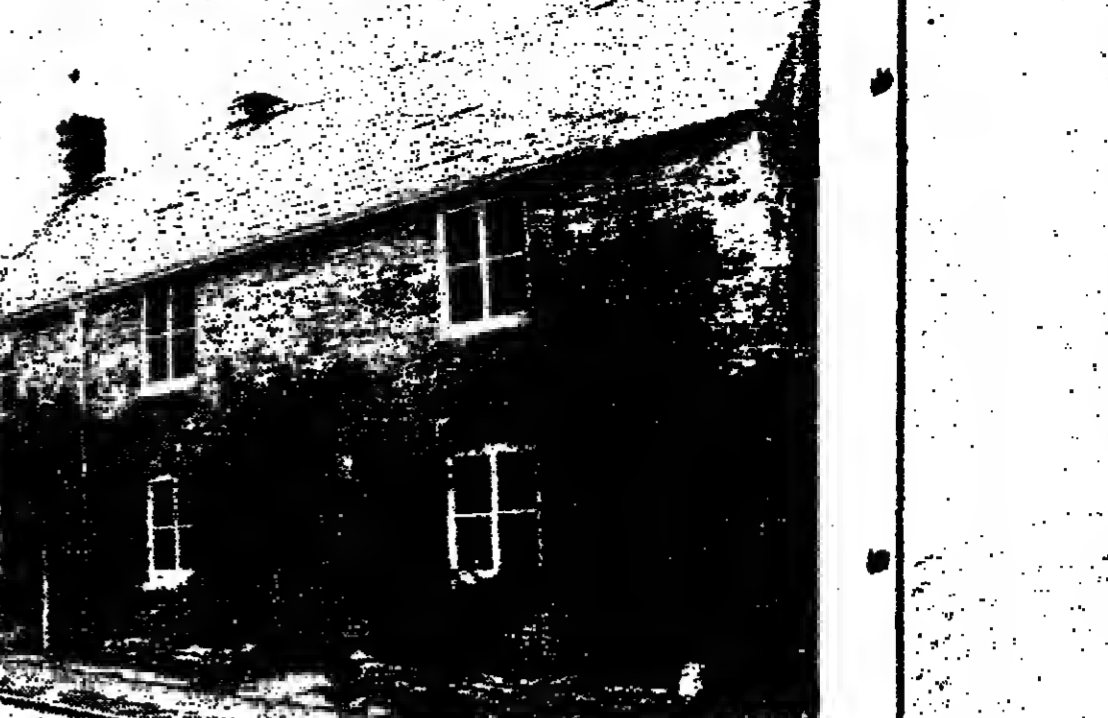
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### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

## Fifteen flats for £5 million

Behind the imposing listed frontage of the former Debenham and Freebody department store in Wigmore Street, London W1, has risen what is believed to be the first purpose-built apartment block in the area for at least 20 years. It is the second stage of a redevelopment by Ladbroke Group Properties, who let the 65,000 sq ft office content in August to a Langue Farbes subsidiary. The 15 apartments of one and two bedrooms, with two penthouses of two and three bedrooms, range in price from £155,000 to £295,000 with a total value of more than £5 million. Entered through a marble-lined foyer in Webber Street, designed by David Heaton International, the apartments have fully-fitted kitchens and private car parking at £20,000 a space. The apartments have 99-year leases; sole agent is Keith Cardale Croves.

Portpatrick harbour near Stranraer in Dumfries and Galloway, one of the finest 17th and 18th century harbours, is for sale. The picturesque harbour, including several buildings, has potential as a marina, according to the agents, Edinburgh of Cambridge, and Kenneth Ryden and Partners of Glasgow. Price: £30,000. Development finance may be available through the Scottish Tourist Board and other agencies.

## Don't knock the Docks

Prices in London's Docklands continue to delight developers and estate agents, astound outsiders and cause potential buyers to dig deep into their pockets. While house prices elsewhere appear to be stabilizing after soaring this year, particularly in London and the South-East, records continue to be broken in Docklands.

A 2.35-acre site at Lawrence Wharf in Rotherhithe on the south bank of the Thames has been sold for residential development at £1.4 million an acre, which is claimed as the highest price yet for a development site in the Docklands. The sellers are Lawrence Wharf Ltd; the buyers ISLEF UK Ltd, a Danish-based property company.

Outline planning consent provides for 108 habitable rooms on an acre, which translated means 56 flats of one to three bedrooms and 40 maisonettes with two or three bedrooms. The agreement provides for a riverside walk and full public access to the Nelson Dock.

William Beadles, partner of the Howells Brooks agency, commented: "The location is outstanding. Lawrence Wharf is on the eastern side of Rotherhithe, just beyond the Surrey Docks, and has the added advantages of an extensive river frontage and an adjacent public park. The purchase price reflects both this and the mounting demand throughout Docklands."

The completion of this development in the future; meanwhile two new developments are for sale. Cascades is a development by Kenneth Homes at Westferry Road on the Isle of Dogs, which brings back the tower block to east London. Twenty storeys high, it is aimed at the international community and high earners working in the City and eventually at Canary Wharf, the alternative financial centre, when it comes to fruition.

Keith Preston, Kenneth Homes chief, has spent time in the US studying building methods and is using that experience here, intending to sell the bottom floors and make them available for accommodation while the other floors are still under construction. To cater for the young and thrusting buyers, there will be a sports centre with a swimming pool, gymnasium and tennis courts. The two- and three-bedroom apartments will cost from £100,000 (Agents: Alan Selly and Partners).

Five Trade Wharf, centred on two Georgian warehouses originally built by the East India Company for storing saltpetre, in Limehouse, is the latest development to come on the market from Regalian Properties, who are closely involved in inner-city revitalization. Regalian is also the leading sponsor for the Building Communities conference in London, which opens tomorrow with a speech from Prince Charles.

There will be about 350 apartments, with boutiques, restaurants, a gymnasium and swimming pool. The first phase of 171 one-bedroom starts from £120,000 for a one-bedroom apartment. Two-bedroom units will range from £165,000 (one bathroom) to £205,000 (two bathrooms) and a three-bedroom, three-bathroom apartment will be £275,000. Prices for apartments in the original refurbished 18th-century warehouses will be released shortly.

The balconied apartments on each side of the warehouses all have fine river views, and the development stands within entrance gates with parking for all owners. CW

## Energy-saver

The Round House at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, one of the most innovative houses built for the Energy World Exhibition, is for sale at £199,950 through John H. James' local new homes office. One of 50 houses built for the exhibition, the circular shape minimizes the external surface area to increase its energy efficiency. It has four bedrooms, two reception rooms around a spiral staircase, a swimming pool and conservatory.

The same agent is selling two other exhibition homes - a low-energy, traditional four-bedroom house built by Brossley Homes, incorporating energy-efficient copper-based heating radiators, at £155,000, and the three-bedroom house developed by Constructive Individuals as part of a training course for people wanting to build their own home, at £24,995.

Harrods' Estate Offices is selling a flat in Mayfair at two addresses. The two-bedroom flat is in both Grosvenor Square and Three Kings Yard. Entrance is through a gated private street. The agents believe it will be of interest to companies and businessmen attracted by the cachet of Grosvenor Square as an address for entertaining. Price: £245,000.

## Mobile barn

Green End Barn at Datchworth Green, Hertfordshire, was a six-bay barn with massive oak timbers built in 1860 at Olives Farm near Ware and dismantled recently to await a suitable new location. Now rebuilt, it retains the character and space of the original building and adjoins a village green. Accommodation is on various levels and includes five bedrooms, a main reception room on two levels, and a flat above the garages. It has a swimming pool and gardens with open farmland on three sides. Hampton and Sons are seeking £750,000.

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# EXECUTIVE CRÈME

## Fast-moving City Environment Executive Secretary

In the process of setting up its London operation, this newly established securities house requires an executive secretary to work with the Managing Director. The company is largely owned by a highly profitable international bank which has been active in the London market since 1974.

As the senior secretary, you will hold responsibility for all administrative and clerical functions, providing full secretarial support primarily to the Managing Director and to other senior managers as appropriate. You will enjoy a high profile within the organisation and have considerable client contact.

Aged between 25 and 35, you are educated to at least 'A' level standard and have a minimum of

5 years' secretarial experience, ideally gained within an international financial institution. A thorough administrator, you have accurate typing ability, including audio and WP skills, and are able to compile and organise your own correspondence. Even-tempered with a sense of humour, you are trustworthy, well-organised and seek a position which will increase in responsibility as the operation grows.

An excellent salary is part of the highly competitive package of benefits offered. To apply, please write enclosing C.V. to Deborah Hayden of Cripps, Sears & Associates Ltd, Personnel Management Consultants, International Buildings, 71 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6ST. Telephone 01-404 8701.

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## Hoggett Bowers

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### Chairman's PA/Office Services Head

West End Marketing Consultancy,  
£13-15,000; Age 35-50

This marketing consultancy is a busy office of 10 consultants/managers who travel worldwide and 5 secretaries. The business operates to tight deadlines, advising and helping large numbers of clients including many major companies. Their chairman has asked us to find him an experienced professional to be the focus of the day-to-day administration. A high calibre secretary with really good organisational skills is required, able to take responsibility and with a strong and diplomatic personality. The position includes overseeing the other secretaries - helping to recruit and train and arranging workloads at peak times. As chairman's PA, you will also be a vital link between him and the other managers/consultants and you must be able to act on your own initiative. There will sometimes be out-of-hours work. Word-processing experience is required, on any system. Please apply, even if your skills are rusty, as full training can be provided.

Male or female candidates should submit in confidence a comprehensive C.V. or telephone for a Personal History Form to, D. Venables, Hoggett Bowers plc, 1/2 Hanover Street, LONDON W1R 5WB. 01-734 6852. Ref: 480177.

## Secretary to Chief Executive

Based Knightsbridge  
c. £13,000

The Chief Executive - Western Europe of PA Consulting Services, the major international management consultancy, is responsible for some 1,900 staff in 40 European offices earning £/1m revenue.

He is seeking a mature and highly responsible senior secretary with a sense of humour and excellent basic skills and experience to provide a first-class and highly confidential all-round service.

Considerable initiative, tact, diplomacy and flexibility are needed in organising his office, meetings and travel arrangements and in liaising with PA directors and clients' top-level staff. A second European language would be useful.

Salary is graded to age, experience and qualifications; benefits include LVA, BUPA and contributory pension. Please send full cv to Sarah Wilson, Personnel Officer, PA Consulting Services, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LJ.

**PA**

## Secretary/ Personal Assistant £15,000

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a top quality Secretary/PA to assist in the start-up and development of a new company in the Public Relations and Communications sector. As the right hand person to the Managing Director you will be expected to contribute to the long term success of the venture.

The successful candidate is likely to be a graduate, aged 27-35, who in addition to first class secretarial skills will be a self starter who can communicate at all levels both in business and socially. Impeccable personal presentation, the ability to respond under pressure, ambition and a real desire to develop personally within a growing business are essential. This position commands long hours plus some overseas travel and is therefore unlikely to appeal to anyone with inflexible personal commitments.

Candidates who are able to meet these high standards and who are seeking a challenging and rewarding career should send a full CV in the first instance to Sally Morse, The SM Consultancy, 9 Rotnevden Gardens, Bromley BR1 2TN.

**SM**  
THE SM CONSULTANCY

## Work at the centre of change Secretary for Director £10,000

Technology is altering every aspect of our lives. The Technical Change Centre was created to provide government and industry with impartial, well-researched advice on this critical and fast-moving field. The TCC is expanding and needs a mature secretary to support its director and assistant director.

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**THE TECHNICAL CHANGE CENTRE**  
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## ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS BIRTHRIGHT

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Small friendly office based in Regent's Park. Good working conditions. Free lunches. Non-smoker. Salary from £10,000. Please telephone Juanita Hughes on 01-724 7725 for an application form and description of job.

**International Secretaries**  
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## Ambitious? £15,000 + Package

An unusual opportunity has arisen within this leading international bank for an exceptional young secretary hungry for early success. Working at board level, you will be part of a small team responsible for the head of investments, arranging his travel, meetings and handling all confidential business matters.

This is a prestigious position which needs a hardworking, committed person with excellent skills and the self-assurance to cope at the top. Age: 21+ Skills: 100/60.

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TEL. 01-831 1220

## OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY

This developing Executive Search and Selection Consultancy is expanding into new areas, and is seeking an experienced Consultant in the permanent up market secretarial field to develop a new division. You will need to have around three years experience in a similar role, and be looking for a greater challenge, with the drive and resourcefulness to ensure that the success of this opportunity is within your reach.

Call in confidence for more information on 01-491 1875 (24 hour answering) or write to Amanda Chiklow, 4th Floor, 28 Conduit Street, London W1R 9TA.

## CAREER PROSPECTS £12,000

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## Micro Support Assistant Secretarial/Admin exp. essential

Consumers' Association, publishers of Which? magazine, are looking for someone to join their small team of specialists responsible for helping staff to get the most out of their micro-computer; the post is for a minimum of one year.

Reporting to the Head of Information Centre, the successful applicant will be the main team member providing backup and training on word processing systems, and will also be required to take on an administrative and secretarial role within the team.

Candidates for this post must be able to demonstrate good communication skills and an aptitude for learning and teaching computer systems. Several years secretarial/administrative experience is essential together with excellent typing speeds. Starting salary in the range £10,000-£11,500, according to experience.

Please apply with a full CV to: The Personnel Officer, Consumers' Association, 14 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6DS.

## Which?

### ENJOY RESPONSIBILITY? £11,000

You'll find the new Managing Director of this Knightsbridge company an appreciative boss who will welcome your advice, skills and willingness to take responsibility. As well as the usual secretarial duties you will arrange meetings, travel etc. and assist other directors. Good shorthand and audio, a pleasant telephone manner and an 'A' level education are essential. (Rec. Cons.) Call our Knightsbridge branch on:

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**Senior Secretaries**

### TOP P.A. NORTH LONDON

The Chief Executive of a well-known restaurant chain requires a PA/Secretary with a good administrative background to be at least two days ahead of him. You should live in North London, own a car and be free to travel in the UK. Excellent benefits include discount vouchers on food, drink and holidays. Skills: 100/60. Age: 25/40. Salary c.£10,500. (Rec. Cons.)

01-499 0092  
**Senior Secretaries**

### ON THE SCENT £11,500

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This varied job will require previous senior level experience, the ability to supervise staff, liaise internationally, select conference facilities and organise hotels and travel. You will provide a full PA support, and coordinate fact and diplomacy to meet the office's running smoothly. Age: 25/35 Skills: 120/60

West End Office  
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### SENIOR PA up to £11,500

Help out a senior Director in the busy top class merchant bank with his property clients. Lots of personal contact. We try to avoid saying 'a very interesting position' because that's what everyone says but this is a top position. Very good benefits so you would expect from a firm like this and a real career opportunity. Please call 01-494 0030.

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### SENIOR PA £12,000-£13,000

This is a demanding but fascinating position in a top office. Responsibilities include: arranging the Director's social functions, handling confidential correspondence, liaising with the Director's staff, and acting as a first point of contact for clients. A terrific benefit package including company car and £4,000 doesn't begin to tell you. Call 01-434 0030.

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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

£11,500ish  
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Surrey

The Managing Director of a Public Company with UK Headquarters close to Kingston seeks a Personal Assistant with fine secretarial skills. He's an entrepreneur, nearing 40, and travels a great deal to the Far East and the United States. Candidates should be self-confident, versatile and articulate, mature of judgement and, ideally, with a good sense of humour. Call Maureen Rigby, Office Angels Recruitment Consultants on 01-541 0544.

**Office Angels**  
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## OSBORNE RICHARDSON PA IN MARKETING £11,000

Our client, a highly successful retail chain, is seeking an intelligent PA/Secretary. You will enjoy considerable influence as you will answer most correspondence, polish up presentations, decide on appointments, schedules etc. Excellent fringe benefits. 90/60 skills needed.

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The friendly W1 company seeks a smart professional Director level secretary capable of dealing confidently with senior management and clients. This is not a banking position but you will benefit from a 2% mortgage, bonus, paid overtime + more. 55 wpm typing + audio needed.

Please call Anna Friend, Elvan Richardson, Judi Osborne or Debbie Berwickish.  
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110 NEW BOND ST. LONDON W1

## Secretary / P.A. Salary c. £10,000 + Excellent Benefits, Age 25 Plus

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Administration Manager  
24 St. James's Square  
London SW1Y 4JZ  
Tel: 01 839 7788

## SECRETARY/PA

Managing Director of newly formed London company requires a Secretary/PA - Shorthand essential - preferably with knowledge of French and German and with experience in commerce, administration and simple bookkeeping. This job offers an interesting challenge as it requires working on own initiative in helping MD to set up selling distribution for a brand new and exciting product in each European country.

Send CV, photo, salary details, telephone number to BOX 807.

## medial MEDIA & ADVERTISING CORPORATE PR £12,000

A large public company has appointed a new Director to completely re-organise the group's Corporate PR strategy. He will need a PA/Secretary to assist him in this busy job. You will be totally involved in all of his activities: liaising with the press, the City, the group's subsidiary companies; organising press conferences and publicity campaigns, whilst providing full secretarial support.

Experience in PR within a large organisation would be a distinct advantage. Age: 26+ Skills: 100/60

If you are thinking of changing jobs early in the New Year we would like to talk to you now - we are handling several vacancies for Secretaries with good skills in the salary range of £8,000 - £10,000.

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Recruitment Consultants.

## IN SEARCH OF GREATNESS £10,500 +

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## K NIGHTSBRIDGE SECRETARIES

## PA'S CAREER MOVE

This young management consultant requires an exceptional PA who is not only seeking a challenging role, as his right hand, but also would welcome the opportunity of developing their own career. Marketing and generating of new business is just one of your vital areas and therefore an 8 1/2 day week. An excellent telephone manner and presentation is essential coupled with accurate audio skills.

Contact Ann Grover  
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## INVOLVEMENT c. £11,500+

A successful PA is required for the Deputy Chairman of a highly regarded and friendly international business company, to support him as he develops the business activities. You will work closely with him at international director level and will be asked upon to represent him at international business conferences.

A flexible and down-to-earth approach, together with the confidence and maturity to work independently at senior level, are needed for this exciting position. Salary: 90/50 Skills: 23/40

CITY OFFICE  
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ANGELA MORTIMER

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For London based export company, subsidiary of major British national manufacturing group. The person appointed will be responsible to the Directors for the control and development of the internal export sales function, supervision of Sales Correspondents, Liaison with manufacturers and the export sales team and wide ranging administrative support.

Candidates: aged 25-35/40, should have sound knowledge and experience of export practice and procedures, an open flexible mind, supervisory experience and a solid education. Write with CV to Managing Director, Massey's Securities Services, 20, Roper Street, London W1. 01-493 6881

## PA TO MD c.£15,000 + benefits

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## MARKETING SECRETARY c.£7,500

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required by leading London Hotel Group to work in hectic marketing department. Organisational ability, general secretarial skills (not shorthand) and the ability to work under pressure essential. This is an exciting and varied position working for both PR and Sales Managers.

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## DIRECTORS SECRETARY £10,500 plus bonuses

We require a mature person to help run our busy gallery in St James's. Non smoker of immaculate appearance. Shorthand, typing experience with electronic typewriters essential. 930 2954/5 till 6pm.

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# LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME



## We talk and you listen, no. You talk and we listen, yes.

Ask **ALFRED MARKS**

**BRAND LEADER**  
This major British plc, a household name for many years, needs a quick-thinking Secretary with plenty of initiative to join the in-house Marketing Department. Working on some of their brand leaders as well as new products, you will help to arrange promotional events, liaise with advertising agencies and provide secretarial support. Skills 80/50 + audio. Salary £9,000-£9,500 plus excellent benefits. Age 21+.

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We would like to meet receptionists, familiar with the use of word processors, aged 24-45, with poise and presence, to manage a well appointed and busy reception area. In addition to normal reception duties the successful applicant also must be prepared to learn to operate telex and facsimile machines. The ability to use initiative and flair is important. Initial salary negotiable, £8,000-£10,500 + BUPA, non contributory pension, free life assurance. Applications in strict confidence under reference HS298/TT, to the Managing Director.

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Full secretarial duties. Salary negotiable - company perks. Please write with full CV and details of current salary to Raf RZ.  
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Duties to include audio/shorthand. One years minimum commercial experience required. Salary negotiable - company perks. Please write with full CV and details of current salary to Ref SM.  
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**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**  
The Editor is looking for a cheerful, efficient **SECRETARY/PA** to start in the New Year to look after herself, the magazine and the general smooth running of the editorial department. Must have all the usual qualifications, good shorthand, etc. Plus a sense of humour and willingness to do both confidential work and be part of team. Please write with full details including present salary and availability to: Beverlie Flower, Director of Personnel, The National Magazine Co. Ltd., 72 Broadwick Street, London, W1V 2BP.

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Due to expansion, a vacancy has arisen for a WP Secretary. You will (with two others) provide secretarial/admin support to the Management Team in an established firm of Risk Management Consultants. Applicants should be aged 22 or over, have excellent secretarial skills and at least two years' relevant experience. You should have a confident telephone manner and the ability to work accurately under pressure. Duties will include typing reports/letters, arranging meetings and making travel arrangements. Good salary, prospects and working conditions. Applications should be made in writing, enclosing a CV to: Mrs I. Jutton, WBK International Ltd., 32 Seething Lane, LONDON. EC3R 5BA. No Agencies

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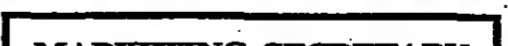
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## Secretary

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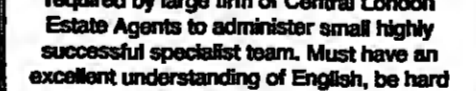
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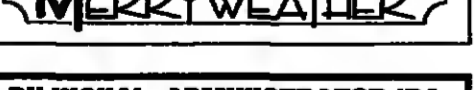
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England are allowed to indulge their indifference

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

Yesterday held two surprises. The first was to find that only certain of the England players were practising...

It is six days since Lamb even went through the motions and all Gower and Botham have done in that time is to take things easy...

It is certainly a lot less green than I had expected, although even if it were not I imagine England would still play both their spinners...

Bad light saves the day for Pakistan

From Richard Streeton, Karachi

What promised to be a thrilling finish to the third Test match between Pakistan and West Indies ended in anticlimax yesterday when the Indian umpires took the players off the field for bad light...

Minutes before he played back fatally to a yorker and had his off stump flattened. Only 28 runs came in the morning period as Ramiz Raja and Mudassar Nazir somehow survived against the barrage...



Putting defeat behind him: Jahangir Khan leaves Norman in the background by proving the master again in Switzerland

Jahangir upholds the time-honoured traditions of the Pathans in Zurich

Revenge comes swiftly and naturally to the recently deposed king of squash

By David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent

The Pathan people of northern Pakistan, historic guardians of the Khyber Pass, do not accept defeat. The Russian are discovering this to their discomfort across the border in Afghanistan...

Baled like a man in a leaking boat

"I had to play faster and more physically, and use more wrist than in Toulouse," Jahangir said. "I was in a leaking boat..."

The simple, important truth

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The people who make things happen with the Lawn Tennis Association and British tennis as a whole, entertained the Press yesterday in the attractive new LTA office block...

The authorities think we're still kids, Pimek says

Another Czech son slinks slowly towards the West

For all their great achievements, Czechoslovakia's tennis players have a love-hate relationship with their sporting and political masters...



Czech-mate Libor Pimek is determined to marry and move family happened to live in Prerov itself.

Stardom was to come more quickly for Pimek, although he is a year younger than Pimek. "Miroslav could never beat me in those days," Pimek recalled, "but he has far more natural ability than me and it eventually came through..."

Buccaneers stay top of the mast

By Sydney Friskin

Isca, who have won the premier division of the Sun Life West League since time is a row, are fourth again after their last match. Isca were earlier beaten 4-1 by Firebrands...

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Profit for Kangaroos

By Keith Macklin

The Australian touring team have departed on their seventh tour of Great Britain with a profit of £115,620 from Britain. It has been a record-breaking tour by the 1986 Kangaroos in many respects...

Portsmouth pay tribute to Dassie

By Nicholas Haring

Tributes flowed in yesterday following the death of Larry Dassie, the Portsmouth player, who never regained consciousness after being thrown from his TR7 in a head-on collision on the A3, just south of Guildford...

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**FOOTBALL**

# Souness spells out his side's daunting task with a few home truths

By Hugh Taylor

Graeme Souness brought home to Rangers' players the magnitude of the task they face against Borussia Mönchengladbach at Ibrox tonight when he said: "You'll be playing in a different world."

The vastly experienced player-manager added that only a return to peak form would allow Rangers the slightest chance of winning the first leg of the UEFA Cup tie which will bring a capacity crowd of 44,000 to the Glasgow stadium.

Stressing that the West Germans are a class above Tam-

pere or Boavista - Rangers' opponents in the previous rounds - Souness demanded from his players, who have recently lost their edge, a repeat of the eye-catching performances shown in defeating Aberdeen and Celtic.

Seldom since these outstanding victories have Rangers, however, treated their supporters to displays as fascinatingly designed and goals as lethally scored. The prayers this evening will be for McCoist to regain his deadly scoring touch.

The decision to play West

and McMinn has pleased many of those who still prefer the old up-and-at-em approach which in the past brought so much excitement against continental opposition.

Such rumbustious raids did not bring many goals, however, and Souness, now fashioning a more modern and agreeable style, will bring in these two unorthodox attackers only if things are going badly. Of West, who has been out of action for nearly three months, Souness said: "It's a gamble but won't I be a hero if it comes off?"

Borussia are said to be methodical but slick on the break. They have recovered from a poor start in their league and, now marshalled by the international Rahn, fancy themselves to take the UEFA Cup this season.

A team bristling with talent yet highly efficient may have a goalkeeping worry: Kamps is believed to falter in a fusillade of accurate crosses. But even if the tale is true - and whoever saw a German goalkeeper who was not an all-round technician? - Kamp's defensive colleagues are likely to say the Rangers would do better to hope that their delightful pattern will once again be bright enough to dazzle the opposition rather than revert to the old policy of muscle over mind.

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Jim McLean admits that he has a striking problem. Although his side are second in Scotland's premier division, the manager of Dundee United recognises that his forwards must "attack more fiercely."

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But Gordon Wallace, for one, has seen for himself the strength of the Yugoslavs that lies behind the superficial evidence of weakness. United's assistant coach has warned McLean that Hajduk's defeat by Partizan Belgrade is dangerously misleading. "They were far better than the score might indicate," he said.

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England's away last season and comparative results this term suggest an even easier victory. Italy have already only a 4-3 win against Austria. In the 1984-85 season, England (James L. Boulenger (Dunstable), F. Ellet (Wolverhampton))

# Boxing

# Training blow delays Pyatt title defence

Chris Pyatt, the European light-middleweight champion from Leicester, has pulled out of the title defence against Gianfranco Rosi in Ferrara, Italy, next Wednesday.

Pyatt, who won the vacant crown when he stopped John van Ertelen, of The Netherlands, in 97 seconds at the Royal Albert Hall in September, suffered a cut eye in training yesterday. Sam Burns, Pyatt's manager, said: "He was winding up his training at the Royal Oak gym in Canning Town before leaving for Italy. It happened during a sparring session when there was a clash of heads."

Christophe Tiozzi, of France, who won a bronze medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, was Pyatt's sparring partner when the accident happened. Burns said that the injury, above the right eye, was not serious, although it needed a couple of stitches. "We have asked for a postponement until January," he added, "but who knows what the promoters will do."

The former world welterweight champion John H. Shockey is to supervise the training of John Williamson, a light-middleweight prospect who has signed with Frank Maloney, London's newest promoter/manager. Williamson, aged 22, from Gloucester, makes his debut with the new team at Lewisham Theatre on February 24.

# Short run

Peter Cantarella, the Hartlepool welterweight, has lost his 140-year-old world record. The 22-year-old Cantarella was outpoint



TELEVISION AND RADIO

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When memories are taken off the ice

In striking contrast with the uncompromisingly realistic and intensely human subjects that we have come to expect of Desmond Wilson's The Visit, a strange air of unreality hangs over this week's film, The Golden Voyage (BBC1, 9.40). Spectacular nostalgia can have that effect, and when you add to it the element of male bravado, the poor old viewer doesn't know whether he is coming or going. It would have made some sense if the Britons whom we see making the sea crossing to the United States in commemoration of the maiden voyage of the liner Queen Mary 50 years ago, had been able to do it on board the Grand Old Lady herself. But as it is, the film is permanently moored, at Long Beach, California, the voyagers who are re-living their 50-year-old memories have to do so on board the next best thing, the QE2. It is a bit like flying in Concorde to celebrate the first flight by air balloon. And, in any case, by the time the QE2 passengers eventually get to tread the decks of the Queen Mary, much of the magic has worn off thanks to the poor old viewer's display of a cool insensitivity to the golden wonder of the occasion. In this connection, Titanic echoes are stirred. One passenger recalls that when he told an acquaintance that he planned to book a seat for the Queen Mary's maiden voyage, he was advised to travel only on one of the French liners. Dirty they might be with poor service, but at least there wasn't any of that nonsense about women and children first.

● Familiar only with those Sylvester Stallone movies in which he plays the pugilist called Rocky, I went to see F.L.S.T. in F.L.S.T. (Channel 4, 9.00pm) with entirely the wrong expectations. Whatever the title may lead you to think, Norman Jewison's film has nothing to do with the fight game. There is much fighting in it, but not of the boxing kind. The violence in F.L.S.T. has to do with militant trade unionism in the Cleveland of the 1930s, and it covers the entire range, from punch-ups in the car park and heads being cracked open with clubs in street battles to truck drivers being shot to death at the wheel and trucks being blown up by fire bombs. Stallone (not God's gift to elocution, perhaps, but more sensitive an actor than you might expect, given his physical make-up) is the trade union boss who, like the teamsters' leader Jimmy Hoffa in real life, gets involved with hoodlums. Essentially, F.L.S.T. is just a spectacular morality story with affinities with The Godfather, but, of its kind, it is undoubtedly well done.

● Colin Davis's four-part adaptation of Norman Collins's London Belongs to Me, already broadcast in the BBC World Service, gets off to a splendid start (Radio 4, 3.00pm). It thanks to many a deft touch in Emyd Williams's direction, all the characters in the house are already firmly in place in my imagination, and at the end of the first episode I was left with a genuine concern about their fates. Music highlight on radio tonight: the definitive 1872 version of Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov, with Yedemiryan in the title role (Radio 3, 7.00pm).

Andrews lays an ambush for another unsuspecting worthy. Corinna Street. Alf gives Mike some advice, and Mike Baldwin discovers how tough his young wife can be.



US-bound on the QE2: Charles and Kay Collip (The Golden Voyage, BBC1, 9.40pm)

Peter Davalle

BBC 1

- 6.00 Ceefax All. 6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather. 7.00 The Great Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. 8.40 Watchdog. Michael Howard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, is questioned on new consumer legislation by viewers and John Shipston. 8.55 Regional news and weather. 9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kirby-Silk and his studio audience discuss a topical matter. 9.45 Advice. Mario MacDonald with news of two ways in which to prepare your home for the winter cold. 10.00 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Philip Schofield with children's television programme news. 10.30 Play School. (r) 10.50 Henry's Cat (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Catherine Criller with a thought for the day. 11.40 Day Out. With Angela Rippon in south Somerset. (r) 11.50 Open Air. Viewers have the chance to comment on television programmes. 12.20 Championship Snooker. Highlights from yesterday's matches in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship. 12.55 Regional news and weather. 1.00 One O'Clock News with Marylyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 Neighbours. Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb. 1.50 Little Misses. Little Miss Trouble narrated by Pauline Collins and John Alderton. 2.00 Film: A Piano for Mrs Cimino. (1982) starring Bette Davis, Fanny Fuller, and George Hearn. A made-for-television drama about a widow who is diagnosed irreversibly senile, somewhat hastily in her view and also her grand-daughter's. Together they try to get the diagnosis reversed. Directed

- by George Schaefer. 3.30 Cartoon. 3.40 Save a Life. A guide to emergency first aid. (r) (Ceefax) 3.50 The House. 4.00 Animal Park. 4.05 Heathcote and Co. Cartoon adventures of an alley-cat. 4.30 Heartbeat. Tony Hart's art class. 4.55 The Children of Green Knowle. Episode one of a new four-part adventure about a young man who is invited by his great grandmother to spend Christmas with her in her large and remote country house. Starring Alec Christie and Daphne Oxenford. 5.25 News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather. 6.35 London Plus. 7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Mariel Hemingway, Ken Livingstone, and Stephen Bayley. Plus music from Alison Moyet. 7.35 The Clothes Show includes Selma Scott being snapped by fashion photographer Tony McGeer. (r) 8.00 Dallas. J.R. and Bobby find their control of Ewing Oil threatened by Wes Parnette. (Ceefax) 8.50 Points of View. 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast by the SDP. 9.10 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather. 9.40 The Visit. A documentary about the celebratory journey made on the QE2 by members of the public who were on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary, a half-century ago. (Ceefax) 10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Snooker: quarter-final action in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship; Boxing: the heavyweight bout between Horace Nofre and Proulx Kilmarnock; Rowing: profiles of Steve Parry and Andy Holmes. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather. 12.20 Championship Snooker. Further action from Preston. 12.30 Power to Cover presented by Colin McCabe. Actress Alexandra Pigg talks about the Mills and Boon library; there is a discussion on Steven Bach's Fine Cut, the inside story of the multi-million dollar Hollywood flop, Heaven's Gate; and Redmond O'Hanlon talks about his trip to the Amazon. 1.00 The Rounders (1984) starring Glenn Ford and Henry Fonda. A comedy western about two horse wranglers who, try though they might, cannot attract the money they need to spend in Las Vegas. Directed by Burt Kennedy. 7.20 Cartoon. Tex Avery's, Screwy Tuant. (r) 7.30 BBC Debut Awards introduced by Janice Robinson and Christopher Fraying. A new competition for well-designed products, graphics, and design space. Out of Court presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook. 9.00 M\*A\*S\*H. Henry arrives back from leave in Tokyo madly in love with a sweet young stunner. (r) 9.25 Breaking Up. Episode two of the four-part drama about the effect on a schoolboy of his parents' acrimonious divorce. The Trouble With Sex. Christine Cox plays Mrs Ibbotson in this dramatization aimed at debunking the myths about VD clinics, or gynaecological clinics as they are now known. Mrs Ibbotson has been referred to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, by her GP, and is in need of caring, sensitive treatment. 10.45 A Party Political Broadcast by the SDP. 10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 Weather.

BBC 2

- 9.00 Ceefax. 9.15 Daytime on Two: cleaning the River Clyde. 9.35 Ceefax. 10.00 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 10.15 Science - Infra-red light and ultrasonic sound. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Farming red deer and salmon in Scotland. 11.40 Women factory workers and new technology. 12.02 Maths24hours. 12.25 Working in the construction industry. 12.48 Spanish language course. 1.18 The State of English. 1.28 Comparing a one-man highland railway station with Glasgow Central Station. 2.00 Thinkabout. 2.15 Dutch and German children celebrate Sinterklaas Day. 2.35 Championship Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Tennants United Kingdom Championship. 3.55 Regional news and weather. 4.00 Pamela Armstrong. This afternoon's guests are Anthony Bonello, Carl Davis. Plus music from Marti Webb. 4.30 Championship Snooker. Further action from Preston. 5.30 Power to Cover presented by Colin McCabe. Actress Alexandra Pigg talks about the Mills and Boon library; there is a discussion on Steven Bach's Fine Cut, the inside story of the multi-million dollar Hollywood flop, Heaven's Gate; and Redmond O'Hanlon talks about his trip to the Amazon. 6.00 The Rounders (1984) starring Glenn Ford and Henry Fonda. A comedy western about two horse wranglers who, try though they might, cannot attract the money they need to spend in Las Vegas. Directed by Burt Kennedy. 7.20 Cartoon. Tex Avery's, Screwy Tuant. (r) 7.30 BBC Debut Awards introduced by Janice Robinson and Christopher Fraying. A new competition for well-designed products, graphics, and design space. Out of Court presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook. 9.00 M\*A\*S\*H. Henry arrives back from leave in Tokyo madly in love with a sweet young stunner. (r) 9.25 Breaking Up. Episode two of the four-part drama about the effect on a schoolboy of his parents' acrimonious divorce. The Trouble With Sex. Christine Cox plays Mrs Ibbotson in this dramatization aimed at debunking the myths about VD clinics, or gynaecological clinics as they are now known. Mrs Ibbotson has been referred to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, by her GP, and is in need of caring, sensitive treatment. 10.45 A Party Political Broadcast by the SDP. 10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 Weather.

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CHANNEL 4

- 2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords. 2.30 Film: The Gang's All Here (1938) starring Jack Buchanan and Goggin Whithers. John Forrest is brought out of early retirement from his insurance investigator's job when a fortune in jewels is stolen from his former firm's safe. Directed by Thornton Freeland. 4.00 Mavis on 4. In this week's edition of Proceedings, Mavis Nicholson explores the problems of alcoholism. 4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Doreen Whyte from Eastleigh, Hampshire. Richard Whitley is the questionmaster, assisted by Gill Davies as adjudicator. 5.00 Ice Skating. The Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships, introduced by Nick Owen. The commentators are Simon Ruedy, Barry Callaway, and Nicky Slater. 5.30 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who make life hell for their captors. 6.00 The Abbott and Costello Show. Bud and Lou go on a hunting trip and meet a very frate grizzly. 6.30 Time of War: Soldiers of the Rising Sun. Excerpts from the anti-Japanese propaganda film - And Then Japan, and the blatantly racist Canadian-made The Mask of Nippon. (Farcle) 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Gerry Neale, Conservative MP for North Cornwall. Weather. 8.00 Looking into Paintings. The first of a series of six programmes aimed to stimulate interest in visiting art galleries and museums. 8.30 The New Enlightenment. In part three of his series Professor Kenneth Minogue examines the way society makes the most of the potential of its people, looking in particular at the family and educational policy. 8.00 Film: F.L.S.T. (1978) starring Sylvester Stallone and Rod Taylor. Drama with Stallone as the leader of a trucking union battling to improve his members' conditions and also the unwelcome attentions of a rival union. Directed by Norman Jewison. (See Choice) 11.40 Joels Holland in Performance at the Snug Harbour Club, New Orleans. 12.10 Their Lordships' House. Ends at 12.25.

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SPORT

Sangster relies on old ally Hills for Manton hot seat

By Charles Benson

Barry Hills will today take over the reins at Manton's racing establishment on behalf of Robert Sangster. This follows the dramatic dissolution of the partnership between Sangster and Michael Dickinson on Monday.

The decision to insert Hills, who will also remain in charge of his own South Bank stables at Lambourn for the next year, was made over a long and intricate session at Scott's restaurant in the West End of London yesterday.

Hills was reluctant to step into another man's shoes until he received full reassurance that the breakdown between Sangster and Dickinson was complete. Also present at the meeting was Sangster's financial director, Keo Paul.

Hills, 50 next April, first took out a trainer's licence in 1969 after serving his apprenticeship with Fred Rimell and Jack Colling.

He gained his first classic success in 1978 with Enstone Spark in the 1,000 Guineas and followed up the next season with Tap On Wood, who gave the newly-arrived Steve Cautley his first classic victory in the 2,000 Guineas.

Success in the Derby has eluded him but he has twice saddled the runner-up in Hawaiian Souad and Rheingold, who went on to win Europe's most coveted prize, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, as a four-year-old.

His other big-race triumphs include the Ascot Gold Cup in 1984 and 1985 with Gildoran and the 1974 Irish Oaks with Dihdale.

The appointment of Hills has quickly ended the speculation as to who would be Dickinson's successor. When Sangster was deliberating possible solutions in Australia three weeks ago, his top trainer there, Colin Hayes, offered to fill the gap while a

younger man was appointed. The Los Angeles trainer, Jobo Gosden, an Englishman who is now among the leading members of his profession in the United States, was also mooted as a possible replacement at Manton.

Sangster also considered the top South African trainer, Terence Millard, whom he regards as the southern hemisphere equivalent to Vincent O'Brien.

Among the home trainers, the short list consisted of Hills, Charlie Nelsoo, and Bill Watts, all of whom train for him already.

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Hills, though, was the obvious choice. A lifelong friend of Hills, Sangster has always kept and guaranteed a strong hand of horses at South Bank, even when installing Dickinson as his private trainer.

For most of the past 12 years, Sangster has fielded a team of about 30 horses with Hills and it was no surprise that the owner, thrown into a turmoil by the latest problem, should turn to Hills, for whom he has the greatest possible professional respect.

The principal difference between the new set-up at Manton and the old, when Dickinson had to manage only the 46 Sangster horses, is that Hills, as a public trainer, can bring up to 50 animals with him from Lambourn.

These will include horses owned by Sheikh Mohammed and Khalid Abdulla, this year's leading owners, who have both indicated their enthusiasm for the new deal.

Both recognize Manton as an ideal training establishment and the presence of their horses will strengthen and bring balance to the Manton team.

While it may have seemed easy for Sangster to fall back on his friend, Hills, he thought long and hard about most of the other possible candidates. He was greatly touched, for instance, by the immediate offer of Hayes, doyen of Australian trainers and a prolific winner-producer there, to come to the rescue.

This initiative occurred earlier this month, shortly before the Melbourne Cup, which Hayes won with Al Falah. He included in his offer his two very able sons, one his assistant and the other a trainer in his own right.

The matter of Gosden is more complicated. He is a good friend of Sangster, who helped to set him on his way in Los Angeles, a career which has landed him at the very top of the tree and was initiated, among other big winners, by success in the Breeders' Cup Mile with Royal Heroine two years ago.

Gosden feels a great loyalty to Sangster but, having enjoyed some long and fruitful conversations with him in Los Angeles recently, detected an urge to remain in the States, where he has been so successful, for a few more years yet. Gosden, son of the late Tower Gosden, will undoubtedly return home in due course.

As for Nelsoo and Watts, they will continue to train for Sangster and are very much in the forefront of his future plans.

But, with the old stables at Manton due to be renovated as a back-up to the 60 new boxes used until now by Dickinson's string, a new era will begin.

If Hills cannot deliver the goods, he and Sangster must look at each other and wonder what next.



Winning formula: Ted Toleman (centre) with co-drivers Rad Dougall (left) and Barry Lee (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Intrepid Toleman back on the road of discovery

By David Duffield

The sedate Dorchester hotel in Looe is a long way from the hot and humid seashore at Dakar, but it provided a typical British setting to launch the intrepid Ted Toleman on another of his sporting ventures - the Paris-Dakar Rally.

For 22 days starting on January 1, 270 cars, 130 motor-cycles, and 80 trucks (lorries) will take part in what is billed as "the last great adventure on wheels".

Less than one-third of the vehicles leaving Paris are expected to last the 8,000 miles to Dakar. Averaging nearly 500 miles per day, the route is through France, Spain, and then an all-out onslaught across the deserts of Algeria, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal.

The 1987 event will be the ninth Paris-Dakar rally. Although it received some

notoriety three years ago when Mark Thatcher got lost in the Sahara desert, it has not received any great following in the UK. Toleman and his team plan to change that.

Backed by £150,000 and the support of Range Rover Parts Division, Bridgestone Tyres, Shell oil, appropriately considering the hot desert stretches, Dansk Low-Alcohol Lager, Toleman's entry will be a very much modified 240bhp Range Rover.

Another Range Rover "chase" car, a long-wheelbase Land Rover, an aircraft, and other strategically placed vehicles will be used to help service the operation. Each year, the desert tracks and sand dunes are littered with crashed and abandoned cars, motor-cycles and trucks. To finish is an achievement.

Toleman said: "I have gone for team spirit. For three weeks effort you need very

special people." Driving with Toleman will be Barry Lee, four times world hot-rod champion, but with considerable rally experience, having competed in the RAC rally five times. The other co-driver will be Rad Dougall, an automotive engineer and former formula two driver.

For Toleman, millionaire businessman, skipper of the ill-fated Virgin Atlantic Challenger 1, and ex-formula one race team owner, this represents yet another challenge.

To mark the occasion, Gieves and Hawkes, whose headquarters once belonged to the Royal Geographical Society, have provided the official off-duty uniforms and, for Toleman, a replica of the consul's cap supplied by Gieves to David Livingstone 115 years ago. They obviously presume he will arrive at his planned destination.

SQUASH RACKETS

Harvey's tactics reap a fine reward

By Colin McQuillan

Neil Harvey, the seventh seed at the InterCity national championships in Bristol, yesterday continued to defy the 1986 men's rankings by totally outplaying Geoff Williams, the former champion, second seed, and for many the favourite for the title.

In a 71-minute quarter-final, Harvey, a stocky Londoner, fought back from two sets down to record a fine 2-9, 7-9, 4-9, 9-2, 9-0 victory.

Harvey has been long troubled with severed thigh-muscle fibres and has scarcely featured in national lists for a couple of years. He last reached a national semi-final in December 1983. Today he meets Mark Maclean, aged 22, who defeated Philip Whitlock, of Devon, 9-0, 10-8, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4 in 89 minutes to reach a national semi-final.

Harvey's win was a tactical triumph on the all-transparent perspex court, erected temporarily for the occasion at Temple Meads Station. He was confident he could force Williams into a negative approach by staying in the match early on and playing "certain shots" he knows frustrate the fast front-court approach of the tall left-handed 1984 champion.

Outpaced in the opening game, Harvey came back from 1-6 down to challenge for the second, then simply exploited the failing resolve of his highly-fancied opponent.

"It was a nightmare," said Williams, the sixth of the top eight seeds to go out here, as he sat dejectedly beside the court on which he had hoped to re-establish his national supremacy. "I just seemed to run out of steam. I can't explain it."

Maclean used almost the same words as he lay prone, but victorious, in exhaustion after his titanic tussle with Whitlock. The tall Scot played with supreme authority to take the first two games, but then became embroiled in a debilitating fight-back from Whitlock.

It seemed the Devon player, who like Williams trains with Jonah Barrington, the former world champion, had broken Maclean by the end of the fourth game. But there are great reserves of strength and courage in the man who last year ended the 20-year undefeated domestic record of Barrington himself.

Painfully exhausted and still suffering from the effects of a stomach bug, Maclean returned to court for the fifth game with astonishing resolve, resisted repeated attacks at 4-4, and finally clinched his semi-final place with a superbly balanced cross-court forehand volley to the mid-court nick.

Interestingly, Harvey finished off Williams with precisely the same shot. RESULTS: Quarter-finals: N Maclean (Scot) 2-1 P Whitlock (Devon), 9-0, 10-4, 4-9, 1-9, 9-4; N Harvey (Sussex) 2-1 G Williams (Sussex), 2-9, 7-9, 4-9, 9-2, 9-0; Warriner (Scot) (Gibson) 2-1 A Smith (Staffs), 9-1, 8-4, 9-1.

Scots lose

Scotland were beaten 5-2 by Sweden in their Prudential Cup badminton international at Wishaw on Monday night. The Scottish wins came in the men's doubles through Dan Travers and Billy Gilliland, the Commonwealth Games gold medalists, and Alex White and Iain Pringle.

No need to run scared of the law

By Derek Wyatt, former England rugby winger and now Richmond coach

I attended the Bedford centenary dinner last month. It was the usual customary evening of good fellowship and three less-than-Churchillian speakers. Luckily, the occasion was redeemed by an amusing speech by Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union.

He complimented the previous speaker on his mastery of the single canteen and rapidly suggested it was becoming necessary to hold probationary officer skills to be a successful coach today.

He had a point. The New Zealand/South Africa court case, the David Bishop affair, the South Wales Police ban, the London Welsh-Moseley fracas, and now my own club's treatment last Saturday at the hands of Swansea showed that it's not just the services of the probation officer that will be required in Welsh rugby. All rugby clubs will need the services of their solicitor more and more.

Spart has for too long remained outside the law. Last year, Hiran, the Japanese centre, came to work in London. Reg Clark met Hiran when he was working in Kobe, Japan, and recommended he join Richmond.

What happened? One of the most exciting players in the world was denied the opportunity to play in merit table matches because the RFU had ruled that players from overseas had to belong to a club for three months before they were eligible. I asked the Richmond committee to select Hiran and take the consequences. I lost it.

Chance lost to see leading player

was convinced we would have won the case (had we sued the RFU) in the European Court of Human Rights.

A fortnight ago, the Richmond playing committee was told by the RFU that although it had informed us that the London merit table fixtures were obsolete, it had discovered a loophole and would therefore have to rescind a new by-law. Ten weeks into the season I was told that matches that had been won or lost would now count for next year after all. Well, you'll forgive me if my reply was to sue the RFU for negligence.

And all this activity is off the field. Imagine what the players make of these ridiculous situations. Were it not for 15 England players playing two internationals a year at Twickenham, there would be no full-time staff at headquarters, no technical administrators, indeed no Rugby Football Union and there certainly wouldn't be this glut of money that currently exists.

Then there is the matter of litigation going on behind the scenes concerning the sponsorship of the World Cup and West Nally, the official

Administrators lost touch with base

marketing company (which has just received a fine cash injection). All this does to the players is to demonstrate that our administrators, especially the full-time salaried officers, have lost touch with base.

Rugby in the leading clubs has never been in such a healthy state. County and international rugby is sick. My own players have been threatened by county selectors and told that if they don't play, then their names will not be put forward for the divisional side. County men run scared because one day they'll lose their power base to the clubs.

The two merit tables have been widely welcomed, as will the leagues. Richmond are wellaware that just because they are the second oldest club in the land, they can still end up in merit table C. To this end, a radical set of solutions has been agreed to ensure that on and off the field we secure our future status. But that doesn't mean to say that I have adopted a win-at-all-costs philosophy.

One player thinks the example set by Liverpool in football and Leicester in rugby should be emulated. When, as on Saturday, Simon Smith, our talented fly-half, is openly asked a minute into the game and the colour checks were the referee is before he does it, and then five or so minutes later Chris Mills, our prop, is punched so badly that he loses vision in one eye and the club has to arrange a world leading eye-specialist, of course, I'm angry.

I'm angry because both incidents do a disservice to the game and to the clubs involved. Police were in attendance at the ground on Saturday and could quite easily have arrested both Swansea players. They would have, had the incident occurred a mere 100 metres away.

Competition or recreation?

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The rival claims of competition and recreation on the state educational curriculum will be discussed today by representatives of more than 50 bodies in a seminar, "Sport in Schools", chaired by Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister.

The seminar, in London, is the climax of a year-long inquiry set up by Mr Tracey amidst mounting concern that competitive sport - particularly team games - is suffering in schools.

The backdrop of the meeting consists of both the teachers' dispute, with its drastic effect on the supervision of sport and also a clash between different philosophies of teaching physical education.

On the one hand, there is the belief in the importance of traditional sports for pupils and the encouraging of competition. On the other is the theory that the less-gifted pupils must be helped to find pleasurable and rewarding activities that they can continue as adults.

The day-long seminar will be attended by Mr Tracey and officials of the Department of Education and Science and, after a plenary session, the meeting will break up into four groups to discuss different topics.

These will be the curriculum, particularly competition

and recreation; facilities in schools and the supervision of extra-curricular activity; teacher leadership and coach training and links between schools and clubs; and the role of local authorities and sports governing bodies.

Representatives from such organizations as the British Olympic Association, the Sports Council, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the National Cricket Association, the Football Association, the Lawn Tennis Association and the British Amateur Athletic Board will give their views, as will several teaching organizations.

The latest disturbing report, published last week, was the result of a survey by the Secondary Heads' Association. It found that there had been a substantial decline in the number of co-specialist physical education teachers willing to help with school sport.

Only 20 per cent of secondary school pupils have the option to swim, only a fifth of secondary school pupils have as much as two hours a week of P.E., and about two-thirds of sixth-formers attend schools at which games are optional.

About a half of the local education authorities have no published policy at all that recognizes the importance of P.E. and less than half have a policy to ensure that all schools have the minimum Department of Education area of usable playing fields.

up the longest frame of the afternoon 50-30 after 29 minutes of scrappy play.

Jones again restored his two-frame cushion, sealing the sixth frame 79-57, but a Hughes break of 44 was just enough to give him the final frame of the period.

Tooy Knowles also went into the mid-period interval with a 4-3 lead over Terry Griffiths. Knowles produced fluent breaks but, like other leading players throughout this tournament, was far from at home on the generous tables.

Knowles rolled in a break of 74 to go 2-1 ahead but Griffiths responded with breaks of 33 and 53 to lead for the first time in the match at 3-2. Knowles levelled with one break of 51 and another of 53 to give him that 4-3 advantage.

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SNOOKER

Jones not put off his act by distraction

By A Correspondent

Wayne Jones ignored outside distractions to focus his attention on reaching the first big quarter-final of his professional career at Presto's Guildhall yesterday.

A former Welsh amateur champion, Jones, aged 26, patiently and often skilfully opened up a 4-3 first-period lead over the more experienced Eugene Hughes in their best-of-17-frames third-round match in the £300,000 Tennent's United Kingdom Open.

Jones began confidently, clinching the opening frame 64-23 before stepping up to compile his first-ever televised century break. The break of 106 ended as Jones missed the yellow, with all the colours conveniently placed on their spots; not by then he had done more than enough to go 2-0 ahead.

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Threat of long ban on Higgins

By John Goodbody

Alex Higgins, the former world champion, is today facing the threat of a long suspension after allegedly hitting a tournament director in the face when asked to take a routine drugs test.

"Clearly this is the most serious incident snooker has ever had," Rex Williams, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, said yesterday.

Eight board members of snooker's world ruling body will consider Higgins' case, but the player has not been asked to attend.

Higgins, who on Monday night beat Mike Hallett in the third round of the Tennent's UK Open at Preston, had to be escorted out of the building by police after refusing a drugs test ordered by the tournament director, Paul Hathrell.

John Spencer, three times world champion and a member of the board, said: "There was physical contact between Alex and Paul. I believe Paul was head-butted. He has got a cut over the eye."

The police were called by the security staff at the Preston Guild Hall after Higgins had to be physically restrained by officials. The police are not ruling out charges against Higgins although Hathrell has told them he will not be making a formal complaint.

According to witnesses, Higgins was swearing and shouting at the top of his voice, exclaiming "I am killing myself. It is all down to television. Do you want to 'chill me'?" Higgins yesterday declined to comment further on the incident. His manager, Howard Kruger, said: "I have spoken twice to Alex but we feel it would be better to spend time sorting things out. I have no further comment at the moment."

Higgins was recently fined £2,000 for bringing the game into disrepute after another incident back stage at the Mercantile Classic last season. On Saturday he is due to appear before the WPBSA board for alleging that Cliff Thorburn, the Canadian player, took drugs.

Grand prix for Japan

Paris (AFP) - Formula one motor racing will return to Japan for the first time in a decade next year. The grand prix has been fixed for November 1, 1987, following formula one constructors' association chief, Bernie Ecclestone's trip to Japan to finalise the deal with the organisers.

FISA, the international motorsport federation, announced yesterday that Ecclestone had signed the necessary contract for the race, to be held at the Suzuka circuit. The track, on which major work will have to be carried out, is currently under inspection by a FISA official.

Wengen, Switzerland (Reuters) - Ernst Gertsch, founder of the famous Lauberhorn classic downhill and slalom races and a pioneer of Alpine climbing and skiing, died yesterday, aged 86.

Quiet men

Football Association and League officials remained tightlipped last night after a meeting at Lancaster Gate, London, to consider the "on-going relationship" between the two bodies. The League are demanding a larger say in everyday affairs. The League president, Philip Carter, emerged from the 75-minute meeting to say: "It went well" and Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, insisted "no problems" before hurrying away.

Botham plan

Charlie Elliott, the Derbyshire committee member, confirmed yesterday that his county are keen to sign Ian Botham, but said that no approach would be made before the New Year. Elliott is in Perth, where the second Test starts on Friday, and his arrival had started speculation that he had been sent to open negotiations, but he denied this.

Skipper hurt

Fremantle (Reuters) - Aldo Migliaccio, skipper of the America's Cup challenger Italia, has sustained several broken ribs in a car accident. Migliaccio was driving to a party in Perth when the accident happened.

Jones debut

Murray Jones, the stand-off half, who broke all points scoring records at Stourbridge before joining Moseley last summer, makes his senior debut against Fyde at The Reddings. He has been injured for most of the season.

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Pioneer dies

Wengen, Switzerland (Reuters) - Ernst Gertsch, founder of the famous Lauberhorn classic downhill and slalom races and a pioneer of Alpine climbing and skiing, died yesterday, aged 86.

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